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B-G to Review Gov't Information Services

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN, Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Prime Minister told the Knesset on Wednesday that he would shortly invite newspaper editors to discuss with him the question of whether the existing official channels for the supply of news to the press by Government Ministries were adequate and were functioning properly. If improvements were necessary, they would be made.

Mr. Ben-Gurion was replying to motions for the agenda by Dr. Y. Bader (Herut) and Miss E. Wilenska (Communist) calling for a debate on "the Attorney General's instructions restricting the freedom of the press."

The motions were defeated by the votes of Mapai, Ahdut Ha'avoda and the Progressives. Mapam and the religious parties abstained. The General Zionists were absent.

Also replying to the motions, Justice Minister Pinhas Rosen said that the illegal custom of court clerks opening the files of court cases to journalists had apparently not resulted in "too much damage" and that he was prepared to consider whether the practice should be legalized. But unless the Archives Regulations of 1955 were amended, it was inconceivable that the practice should be continued.

Dr. Bader asserted that freedom of the press included not only the right to publish news but the right to get the news. In effect, the directive issued last month by the Civil Service Commissioner declared that anything that a civil servant knows is secret. Journalists were undoubtedly entitled to privileges not extended to the public at large: they were not motivated by mere curiosity, but were performing a public service in the discharge of their duties.

Mr. Rosen replied that the

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Newsmen to Act Against Curbs

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Strong condemnation of recent official instructions to Government and public servants which seriously limit newsmen in their functions was expressed on Wednesday at a representative gathering of Israel journalists at Beit Sokolow.

The Assembly was composed of the Presidium of the Daily Newspaper Editors' Committee, the professional committees of all local Journalists' Associations and the Executive of the National Federation of Israel Journalists.

The meeting found that the instructions in question made it very difficult for pressmen to carry out their duty to the public. The authorities were using for this purpose the provisions of the Amendment to the Penal Law (1957) which were specifically intended for another purpose—the protection of the country against espionage.

Protest Meetings

A resolution was adopted to call protest meetings in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa. An "action committee" was elected with power to take all the necessary steps to preserve the freedom of the press. Its members are Mr. Dan Pines, Chairman of the National Federation and of the Tel Aviv Journalists' Association; Mr. Yehoshua Tan Pai, Vice-Chairman of the national body, Mr. Aryeh Dissenchick, Chairman of the Editors' Committee; Mr. Gabriel Cifroni, Chairman of the Jerusalem Journalists' Association; Mr. Moshe Ron, General Secretary of the Israel Journalists' Federation; and Mr. Y. Rotenstreich, legal adviser to the Federation.

Mooted at the meeting were suggestions to arouse the public to the danger of curbs on press freedom and to muster public opposition to the proposals. Drastic steps were discussed which will be considered further should no effective redress come from the authorities. Their execution was left in the hands of the "action committee."

Knesset Boycott

At a meeting of Knesset correspondents on Wednesday, it was decided that the limitations imposed on their work in the Knesset building made it impossible for them to function. Among other restrictions they are forbidden access to the restaurant at certain hours. They resolved to boycott all Knesset sessions until the restrictions are lifted.

Knesset correspondents have asked the journalists' associations to approve their action. They suggest as an alternative to a general ban, boycotting Knesset proceedings for a fixed period and after that to give them "very restricted attention."

When a Jerusalem Post reporter on Wednesday asked the Director of Civil Aviation for information about the purchase by Arkia of planes abroad, he was told that no information could be given to the press.

Suspects May Reveal Identity to Press

"The Press can publish the name of a person arrested and detained if this person wishes it," Mr. Haim Cohn, the Attorney-General, told *The Jerusalem Post* on Wednesday in an elaboration on his directive issued recently. In this directive the Attorney-General forbade the police or the district attorney's offices to reveal the name.

Mr. Cohn continued that the arrested person, if he wished, could ask the police to inform the press. Alternatively, he could do this himself.

The Attorney-General added that this directive to the police and district attorneys was meant only to protect the arrested man and his reputation from having his name associated with a crime before he was charged in open court and tried.

Jerusalem Police circles state that cases in which an arrested person would desire his name published are rare. However, it is believed that in some cases an arrested person would wish his name published, both to "mobilize his friends to help him and in the hope that witnesses in his favour might appear."

The police are continuing their routine practice of informing the families of an arrested person, and if he asks, his place of work.

Round-the-Clock Battle of Locusts

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — The battle against the locust invasion which began on Tuesday was in full swing in the Negev on Wednesday with ground and air teams fighting the pests almost round the clock. First reports began to come in of the havoc wrought by the swarms.

Settlers from Nirim reported that the *kibbutz* suffered damage estimated at some IL.14,000 on Tuesday when a huge cloud of locusts settled on 60 dunams of sugar beet and rose shortly afterwards leaving the fields stripped clean of all vegetation. Similar reports were received from Nir Oz and Magen.

On Wednesday, big swarms were sighted between Sdom and Ein Gedi as well as between kilometres 42 and 46 on the Dimona road.

One group of Plant Protection workers which set out from Beersheba at 4 a.m. wiped out nearly a dozen swarms near Tekuma. Some of them were several kilometres in depth and took up to half-an-hour to pass a given point.

The pests there had settled on the eucalyptus groves near the main road, bending the branches under their weight and turning the trees a rust-red colour.

Among the "weapons" employed against them was a new-type spray, obtained through U.S.O.M., which is mounted on a swivel platform and resembles an anti-aircraft gun. Two Piper aircraft with spraying teams aboard also operated in the area.

Unwitting casualties of the operation were hundreds of starlings who died from eating poisoned locusts.

Mapam Spikes Talk Of Defence Debate

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Mapam spokesman on Wednesday night denied reports that the Party Secretariat had discussed or considered discussing any security issue. In the publication of this report, Mapam sees "deliberate distortion" intended to mislead public opinion.

"Ma'ariv" on Wednesday declared that Mapai and Mapam leaders, including Cabinet Ministers, had convened on Tuesday to discuss "the serious development in relations between the two parties which threatened to break up the coalition." "Ma'ariv" declared that the immediate cause of this urgent consultation was an important "political security issue," as well as economic disagreements.)

The spokesman declared that the Secretariat had dealt with the worsening of coalition relations in view of the trend to restrict the operations and authority of the Development Ministry. It also sharply criticized the slashing of the Development Budget.

Deadline Being Extended For Compensation Claims

The German Federal Parliament has extended the deadline for the submission of applications by victims of the Nazi for material claims compensation from West Germany to April 1, the Ministry of Finance revealed in Jerusalem on Wednesday. The extension still requires the approval of the Bundesrat (the Upper House).

The deadline was due to expire on January 1.

Cuba Proclaims Emergency Rule

HAVANA (Reuter). — General Fulgencio Batista of Cuba on Wednesday signed a bill declaring a state of emergency throughout Cuba for a 45-day period.

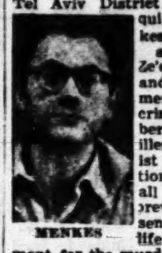
The bill also empowers the Cabinet to pass laws quickly to combat revolutionary activities.

Gen. Batista has been fighting a widespread rebel movement led by Fidel Castro.

Appeal Court Adds To Menkes' Term

The Supreme Court on Wednesday rejected the appeal of Yosef Menkes, 43, against his conviction for complicity in the murder of Dr. Israel Kastner in March 1957.

The Court allowed the appeal of the Attorney-General against the verdict of the Tel Aviv District Court acquitting Menkes and two accomplices, Ze'ev Eckstein and Dan Shemer, of the crime of membership in an illegal terrorist organization. Although all three had previously been sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder, the sentences of Menkes and Eckstein were increased on the terrorist count, by four additional years and that of Shemer by two, the extra terms to run concurrently.



MENKES

Appeals lodged by Shemer and Eckstein against their conviction for the killing had been rejected outright by the Supreme Court last May. They did not appear in court on Wednesday. Menkes was present, under heavy guard, but was removed at one point by President Olshan for refusing to keep to the point in his final statement before the verdict was announced.

'Sulam' Club

In his judgment, President Olshan said he considered that the State had not proved that the "Sulam" Club, of which the three accused were

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Peking: Mao Stepping Down, But Retaining Leading Role

HONG KONG. — The Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party on Wednesday confirmed reports that Mr. Mao Tse-tung will not stand for re-election as Chairman of the People's Republic of China, a post he has held for four years.

A communique issued in Peking, released through the New China News Agency, emphasized, however, that he would remain as Chairman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, and that his retirement from the post of Chairman of the Republic would not affect "his continued leading role in the work of the state."

The Committee also said, "If some special situation arises in the future which should require him to take up this work again, he can still be nominated again to assume the duties of the Chairman of the State in compliance with the wishes of the people, and the decision of the Party."

Successor Not Named

The communique made no mention of who Mr. Mao's successor will be. There was no indication of any demotion or lessening of control in China by Mr. Mao and his top aides.

The announcement that Mr. Mao would not be re-elected for the post was the first official comment from the Communist Party, though the retirement had been reported as impending as early as last week-end by Chinese Nationalist intelligence sources.

The communique said Mr. Mao made his decision to stand down at the sixth plenary session of the eighth Central Committee of the party in a meeting at Wuchang from November 28 to December 10. It added that Mr. Mao's decision will enable him to devote more time to "the direction, policy and line of the Party and the State," as well as to "set aside more time for Marxist-Leninist theoretical work."

Two other key discussions discussed by the Committee were the newly established "people's communes" and the economic plan for 1959.

(The communes, giant farm-small industry units comprising over 4,500 households each, were set up late this summer and early autumn, and many observers predict that they will either make or break the Chinese Government.

Informed sources in Tokyo said the communes are creating a vast problem of financial management, and that one of the reasons for Mr. Mao's decision to give up his post is evidently to devote more time to making the communes a success.)

Higher Targets

The communique said that provisions for the "correct direction" of the communes were made, and that this would include production, distribution, wages, supplies organization, and "strengthening the party's leading role."

The Committee announced target figures for 1959 and these dwarfed those for the 1958 output — which have already been doubted by observers. The new figures included 18 million tons of steel compared to "about 11 million tons" for this year, 380 million tons of coal against 270 million tons, 575 million tons of grain against 375 million tons, and about five million tons of cotton compared to an expected 3.5 million tons this year. *(UPI, Reuter)*

MARSHAL CHU TEH MAY SUCCEED MAO

Marshal Chu Teh, 70-year-old Vice-President and commander of Chinese Communist fighting forces for nearly 30 years. He is one of the men reported as most likely to succeed Mr. Mao Tse-tung when the National People's Congress meets in Peking next month to elect the new Head of State. His age and popularity point to the choice of Marshal Chu Teh for the presidency, a post which has become largely ceremonial in China

China 'Like Big Zoo'

HONG KONG (Reuter). — A Professor of Economics at the University College of Madras, Dr. S. Chandrasekhar, who has just returned from a six-week tour of China, said on Wednesday that the commune system there is "a new colonialism."

He visited four communes. "Under the communes China is like a big zoo," he added. "You have three meals a day. You work tremendously hard but you have no freedom at all."

Khrushchev Frowns

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — Soviet Premier Khrushchev was reported on Wednesday to consider the commune system now being developed by China as "reactionary" and inappropriate for the Soviet Union.

He was said to have told Senator Hubert Humphrey so during their eight hour talk in the Kremlin he week before last.

Observers here believe dissatisfaction in China over the system is behind Mao Tse-tung's resignation.

New Security Measures For Cyprus Britons

NICOSIA (Reuter). — The British authorities on Wednesday ordered all British civilians, including servicemen's families, to observe strict new security precautions.

Britons were given a code word and told to observe in full instructions already issued to them by circular.

The new precautions follow Tuesday night's announcement that the Governor, Sir Hugh Foot, had confirmed the death sentence on two Greek Cypriots convicted of the murder of another Greek last July.

It was generally believed that the executions would take place at midnight on Wednesday or early on Thursday but there was no official confirmation.

The Greek Government on Wednesday made representations to Britain to prevent the executions, a Government spokesman disclosed in Athens.

It was understood that a demarche was made to the British Ambassador in Athens through the Greek Embassy in London as well as in Paris, where the Greek Foreign Minister, Mr. M. Averoff today met the British Foreign Secretary Mr. Selwyn Lloyd.

There were many appeals for the lives of the two condemned men, including a cable from their mother to Queen Elizabeth. This asked the Queen as a mother and a Christian sovereign "to intervene and stop the executions."

In Paris, Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, British Foreign Secretary, has had separate contacts over Cyprus in the past 24 hours with Mr. Fatin Zorlu, Turkish Foreign Minister, and Mr. Angelos Averoff, Greek Foreign Minister.

Mr. Lloyd saw them informally outside the NATO conference room.

Moscow-Belgrade Trade Talks

MOSCOW (Reuter). — Talks have started in Moscow on trade exchanges in 1959 between the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia, TASS reported on Wednesday.

Churchill Urges West to Weld Non-Arab Mid-East Alliance

LONDON (INA). — Randolph Churchill, continuing his Middle East appraisal in a series of articles in the "Evening Standard," declared in Wednesday's article that a long-term policy is needed in the region based on reality, and that certain facts must be accepted.

These are: First, that Nasser is the enemy of the West; secondly, the appeal which his Arab imperialism, under the cloak of Arab nationalism, makes on Arabs is great and growing; and thirdly, that no Arab state can be counted on in the long run as a firm ally.

Stressing that in seeking a firm coalition of powers to guard the West's interests in the Middle East "we must look elsewhere," Mr. Churchill says there are nations and territories in that area which "if welded together in a concerted defence plan, are far more powerful than all the Arab nations put together."

The area involved comprises Turkey, Israel, Abyssinia, British Somaliland, Kenya, the Aden Protectorate, and Persia, and "the map shows how well situated these countries are to help each other in protecting their common interest."

Mr. Churchill asserts this plan has been deep in Premier Macmillan's mind for some months and will certainly be discussed informally by Foreign Secretary Lloyd and Secretary of State Dulles in intervals of the current meetings of NATO in Paris.

NATO Army Chiefs Demand More Defence Expenditure

PARIS. — Leaders of the Atlantic Alliance expressed full support for NATO's military programme on Wednesday in talks on the West's defensive shield in Europe and the power of the Soviet bloc.

The U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dulles, told reporters after the two-and-a-half hour session of NATO's Ministerial Council, in the second of its three-day meeting, that all members fully support the NATO military programme.

Few details emerged from the secret talks, but conference sources said military leaders had asked for more defence expenditure by member nations. The conference also discussed a top secret report on Soviet forces.

The report made by the Chairman of the Military Standing Group in Washington, Admiral Sir Michael Denny, followed NATO's publication of figures on Tuesday, estimating that the USSR and Eastern Europe have more than six million men under arms. The Supreme Commander of Allied Powers in Europe, Gen. Lauris Norstad, also reported on NATO's military strength.

Asked whether there had been any discussion on changes in NATO's strategy in view of recent developments in the Middle East, a NATO spokesman replied, "No."

The British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, called on Premier Charles de Gaulle on Wednesday. The French Foreign Minister, M. Maurice Couve de Murville, also was present. This was their first meeting since the beginning of the NATO conference.

Gen. de Gaulle already has conferred in the last few days with Secretary of State Dulles, the Italian Premier, Amintore Fanfani, the Austrian Chancellor, Leopold Figl, and the West German Economics Minister, Ludwig Ehhardt.

Officials from the U.S., Britain, France, and West Germany met to draft replies to the Soviet notes of November 27 calling for a Western withdrawal from a demilitarized "free city" of West Berlin. The replies may be sent in a fortnight.

(Reuter, UPI)

Turkey Gets Soviet Warning on Bases

ANKARA (UPI). — A Foreign Ministry spokesman on Wednesday confirmed that Turkey has received a note from the Soviet Union warning of trouble ahead if it permits American missile bases to be constructed on its territory.

The spokesman said the note was received by the Turkish Ambassador in Moscow. He said an official reply was being prepared.

Russia Operating Six-Jet Bomber

LONDON (Reuter). — Russia has a new six-jet delta-wing bomber with intercontinental range, which is now going into operational service, according to a foreword in "Jane's All the World's Aircraft 1958-59."

Confirmation of the appearance of the new bomber was received after the Russian pages went to press, the editors of the 50-year-old reference work report.

Code-named "Bounder" by Nato, it has a Mach two — twice the speed of sound — performance and is expected to replace the four-jet at "Bison." No further details of the "Bounder" are available.

Discussing the conflict between military and civil opinion on the future of manned military aircraft, the editors point to the example of the U.S.

U.S. Air Force

"It is significant," they say, "that America, with its vast financial, technical and technological resources, and its considerable practical experience with a variety of missile systems, is still continuing the development and production of manned aircraft of advanced design — it calls them weapons systems — parallel with its military missile programmes."

In a three-page summary of Soviet missile development, the editors say that "almost certainly" the Red Army now has a 1,800 mile intermediate-range ballistic missile in service. Russia's oft-discussed intercontinental missile was reported to be a three-stage weapon with a range up to about 3,000 miles. Adaptations of this weapon were said to have been used to launch the sputniks.

Commenting on progress in the civil aviation field, the editors note that the world's airlines are poised on the threshold of the so-called jet age." Some 450 large jet liners were on order for delivery in 1959 and 1960. Some 250 or more turbo-prop-powered airliners were also on order for delivery in 1959 and 1960.

Nuclear Bomber Crashes on Test

TUCUMCARI, New Mexico (Reuter). — A supersonic four-engined jet, B58 — newest of the U.S. nuclear bombers, crashed near here on Tuesday on a test flight. The three members of the crew parachuted to safety. One was injured.

US Concern Chosen To Make Manned Rocket

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — The U.S. Government has chosen a manufacturer to develop a big new rocket engine capable of sending into space a manned satellite, it was announced on Wednesday by the head of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

The total cost of the new single-chamber engine project was expected to exceed $200m.

Missile Bases On Both U.S. Coasts

VANDENBERG AIRFORCE BASE, California (Reuter). — A Thor intermediate-range missile—launched here by a team of Airforce men who would fire it in the event of war—has opened a new phase in U.S. defence precautions.

It gave this country twin missile "fangs" on opposite sides of the continent to meet any surprise attack. With the opening of this secret missile base—280 kilometres north of Los Angeles in the heart of desert country—the U.S. now has operational bases from which missiles can be fired either eastward or westward across the oceans.

Two Thor intermediate-range missiles were launched on Tuesday — one from the test base here and the other from Cape Canaveral, Florida. These bases are 5,000 kms. apart, on the Pacific and Atlantic coasts.

While these missiles have a range of only 1,500 miles (about 2,400 kms), the bases from which they were fired are equipped to handle 6,000 miles (about 9,600 kms) intercontinental rockets. Thus, from Cape Canaveral targets in Eastern Europe could be reached, and from California the key Soviet port of Vladivostok could be attained.

Pedestrian's Miraculous Escape

A pedestrian walking along the Haifa-Tel Aviv road by night narrowly avoided being knocked down by an oncoming car: the driver spotted him at the very last moment thanks to the pedestrian's dazzlingly white shirt — a dazzle obtained with OR's wonderful washing powder, produced by Shemen. *(Advt.)*

Rountree Quits Iraq; Kassem 'Regrets' Riots

BEIRUT (Reuter). — Mr. William Rountree, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Middle East Affairs, arrived in Beirut by air from Baghdad on Wednesday. He left the Iraqi capital a day earlier than scheduled and is due to leave for Athens on Thursday (today).

In Washington, the State Department said that Premier Abdul Karim Kassem has expressed "regrets" for the mud-throwing demonstration which greeted Mr. Rountree on his arrival in Baghdad.

The Department spokesman, Mr. Lincoln White, said Mr. Rountree's departure from Baghdad for Beirut one day earlier than expected had no connection with the demonstrations.

He had "friendly and useful exchanges of views" with Iraqi leaders, Mr. White added.

But the spokesman said he could give no details of what had transpired during the talks. Mr. White specifically said he was unable to state whether the Iraqi Government had expressed its policy towards the Baghdad Pact, of which Iraq is a member.

Silent Regrets

Mr. White said in answer to a question he did not know whether the Iraqi Premier had apologized also for attacks made on Mr. Rountree over the official Baghdad Radio. Nor did he know whether Kassem's expression of regret at the demonstrations had received publicity in the Iraqi press.

In Teheran, a Persian Foreign Ministry spokesman on Wednesday denied a Cairo newspaper report which on Tuesday quoted Baghdad Radio as saying Iraq had closed its border and telecommunications with Persia.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Posts said communications were normal. "We have transmitted and received telegrams from Baghdad this morning," he added.

An official at Teheran's airport said flights were normal and an Iraqi Airways plane had arrived from Baghdad on Wednesday.

Iraqi-Czech Trade Agreement Signed

PRAGUE (Reuter). — A commercial agreement and a protocol about scientific and technical cooperation between Czechoslovakia and Iraq was signed in Baghdad on December 14, Czech newspapers reported on Wednesday.

Czechoslovakia will deliver mainly machines and engineering equipment, textiles, glass and sugar in exchange for agricultural products, oils and cotton.

A 12-man Communist Chinese trade delegation arrived in Baghdad on Wednesday and is expected to sign a trade pact with Iraq. The Iraqi government has announced China had bought 20,000 tons of dates worth £500,000. It is expected China will buy more dates, after the trade agreement is signed.

ENVOY TO RUSSIA

Abdul Wahab Mahmoud, head of the Iraqi Bar Association, has been appointed the Iraqi Republic's first Ambassador to Moscow, Beirut Radio reported on Wednesday.

Relations with Nasser Better, Says Pakistan

DACCA, East Pakistan (Reuter). — The Pakistani Minister of Information and Education, Habibur Rahman, said here on Wednesday that Pakistan's relations with the U.A.R. improved greatly since his recent visit to Cairo.

Answering reporters' questions at the beginning of a tour of Pakistan's eastern province, Rahman referred to a statement earlier this week by the President of Pakistan, General Mohammed Ayub Khan, that he would be glad to welcome Abdul Nasser. Rahman said, "It definitely shows how the wind is blowing. President Nasser will be welcomed with open hearts if he comes to Pakistan."

Rahman met Nasser while in Cairo.

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Army Attack Kills 50 In Lebanese Village

ORBAL, Lebanon (Reuter). — Angry Arabs in this village near the Syrian frontier said on Wednesday that a Lebanese Army and Air Force bombardment last Saturday killed 50 villagers and wounded 125.

(The authorities on Tuesday announced that 20 civilians had been killed in the clash between security forces and the villagers.)

The villagers also alleged that many children were taken to safety to the hills but died of exposure in the snow there. There had been no confirmation of the children's deaths.

This was the first major incident since the insurrection. Scores of hits were scored by 70-mm. shells from armoured cars, and bombs and machinegun fire from three planes.

Army sources said the Orsalis fired on troops, killing a popular officer. This was said to have angered the soldiers who attacked the village from surrounding hilltops. On Tuesday the Minister of Justice expressed regret and promised relief supplies.

'We Need Food'

Shibili, an Orsal sheep farmer said, "We need food. There has been no work done here for eight months due to fighting with Nabi Osman (the neighbouring village) which supports ex-President Chamoun. We support Saeb Salem (ex-leader of the Beirut rebels.)"

Stern-faced Arabs with rifles guarded the approaches to Orsal, scanning the barren peaks for signs of Army or Osmani attacks. A weeping woman in black sat at the gate of the graveyard. The house of the mukhtar was a shambles. It was here that 20 boys and three women seeking shelter were killed when a shell scored a direct hit. Another shell smashed into the mosque, killing two worshippers.

Villagers said the wounded had all taken refuge in Syria.

100 Die in Xmas Shopping Fire

BOGOTA (Reuter). — One hundred persons died Tuesday night when fire swept through a small department store in the heart of the Colombian capital, crammed with Christmas shoppers. Most of the victims were women.

The fire, which broke out in the evening rush hour, was believed to have been caused by a light bulb which exploded over Christmas decorations, setting them alight.

As the flames spread, terror-stricken shoppers made for the exits to find them barred by an incoming rush of people unaware of the fire.

An estimated 200 persons were injured, of whom 50 were near death. Firemen reached the scene only three minutes after the alarm was sounded but by then the whole front of the store was aflame. The blaze was under control within an hour but the scene inside was grim. The bodies of many of the victims were piled against the back wall of the ground floor.

By dawn every available coffin in Bogota had been used and additional ones were brought from nearby communities to hold the dead.

Arabs Claim Israel Wants UNEF Ring

Israel is working on a plan under which U.N. forces would be stationed around her borders as an effective guarantee of "international protection," Arab reports said on Wednesday.

The Old City daily, "Falastin," called on the Arab states to make allout efforts to scotch this scheme.

The Arab News Agency reported from Beirut, that the first intimation of such an alleged project came when the Lebanese Foreign Minister, Haj Hussein Aweini, told the parliamentary Foreign Affairs Committee on Tuesday night that the Lebanon would work solidly with the other Arab countries to "foil the Israel plot."

Aweini claimed that Israel's desire to place a U.N. force along its border with Syria was behind her complaint to the Security Council of UAR aggression.

Baghdad Radio said that the subjects to be discussed between Abdul Nasser and Secretary-General Hammarskjold during the latter's forthcoming visit to Cairo would include the problem of UNEF in the Gaza Strip, its possible merger with UNTSO and the consequent liquidation of one of these organizations, as well as the future of Arab refugees.

In addition, it asserted, they would discuss "Israel's request" to station additional U.N. forces along her border with Syria.

UAR Claims Israel Air Violation

CAIRO (UPI). — A U.A.R. spokesman in Gaza said on Wednesday that two Israeli Mystere jet planes flew over the town for 20 minutes during the morning but no firing was reported.

The spokesman added that the U.A.R. had protested to the Mixed Armistice Commission.

Penicillin Injections Claim 1,000 in U.S.

GENEVA. — More than 1,000 patients have died in the U.S. following penicillin injections in the 14 years of the drug's use, it was revealed in a report published in Geneva on Wednesday by the World Health Organization.

Deaths were caused by toxic and allergic reactions.

Danish medical authorities claim that three fatal reactions for every 10 million injections could be expected, the report said.

E-W Agree on Test Ban Control Body

GENEVA (Reuter). — The East-West test ban conference on Wednesday agreed on the text of a fourth article of the treaty, fixing the International Control Commission at seven members.

Britain, the U.S., and the Soviet Union will be three permanent members, and the other four will be elected by the conference of powers signing the treaty.

The three previously agreed articles are on banning tests, the need for a control organization, and the composition of such a body. The Commission will act as the governing body of the control organization.

Military Attaches Tour N. Border

TIBERIAS. — A number of foreign military attaches on Wednesday toured border settlements near the Syrian frontier.

On Tuesday evening the special committee appointed by the Minister of Finance, Mr. Levi Eshkol, to assess the damage caused by the Syrian shelling in the Hula valley earlier this month, met with representatives of the settlers.

The latter requested that all damaged huts and light buildings be replaced by stronger structures.

SALAN'S NEW DUTIES

PARIS (Reuter). — The duties of Gen. Raoul Salan, newly appointed Inspector-General of Defence, will include advising the Government on the defence of the newly-created French Community, it was officially announced here on Wednesday.

20 Die After 13 Years From Hiroshima Burns

GENEVA (Reuter). — Two young Japanese girl survivors of the atom bomb explosion in Hiroshima said in Geneva on Wednesday that at least 20 persons had died this year as a direct result of radiation burns received 13 years ago. Both girls are badly scarred and burned from radiation.

Our "GOLDEN GIRL" will appear on Friday
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Social & Personal

The President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi on Wednesday received the Citrus Marketing Board delegation which recently returned from a selling mission to Europe. The delegation, consisting of Messrs. Z. Isakson, N. Verlinsky, Y. Chorin and Y. Rokach, was congratulated by the President on its fine work.

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The Foreign Minister, Mrs. Golda Meir, on Wednesday sent a letter of congratulations to Chief Rabbi Y. Herzog on the occasion of his seventieth birthday.

On Tuesday, Mrs. Meir entertained to dinner at her home the Minister of Finance, Mr. Levi Eshkol; the Netherlands Ambassador and Mrs. J. Bas Backer; the Italian Ambassador, Count G. Reyedin; the Minister of Uruguay and Mrs. P. Di Lorenzo; the Minister of Rumania and Mrs. P. Manu; the Chargé d'Affaires of the U.S. and Mrs. O. Baxter; the Chargé d'Affaires of Czechoslovakia, Mr. Z. Jobanek; Dr. Dvora Kaplan; Mrs. Ada Bereni; Mr. and Mrs. Gershon Avner, and Mr. and Mrs. Avraham Gilboa.

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The Liberian Minister of Agriculture, Mr. John Leslie Cooper, was on Wednesday evening the guest at a dinner tendered him in Tel Aviv by the Histadrut Executive and its economic and settlement bodies. In the afternoon he visited the Histadrut Executive building and conferred with Mr. Reuven Barkatt, head of the Political Department.

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A room in the Abraham Mazer Building for Jewish Studies on the Hebrew University campus was on Tuesday named after Shmuel Kaufman and his fiancee, Zahara Leviatov, who both died on active service. The ceremony took place in the presence of the parents of the young couple; the Minister of Commerce and Industry, Mr. P. Sapir, Mayor Gershon Agron, the Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, Mr. Z. Shazar; and the President of the University, Prof. B. Mazar.

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Lady Strabolgi was the guest of honour at a luncheon given at Z.O.A. House on Tuesday by the committee of the Israel and British Commonwealth Association.

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Mr. Dale Edward Good, U.S. Labour Attache, was the guest of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Labour Council on Wednesday following his return from home leave. He was received by the Acting Secretary, Mr. A. Alpert.

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Delegates to the Afro-Asian Conference on Cooperation were on Wednesday the guests of the Dan Bus Cooperative in Tel Aviv.

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Prof. T.R.V. Murti, of Benares Hindu University, will lecture on "Buddhist Spiritual Discipline" under the auspices of the Hebrew University at 8.30 tonight at Beth Hillel.

Dr. J.C. Burkill, F.R.S., of Cambridge University, will lecture on "Some Topics in the Theory of Integration," under the auspices of the Hebrew University, at 4.15 p.m. today, in Manchester House on the University Campus.

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Dr. Yigael Yadin is to lecture on "The Controversy over the Dead Sea Scrolls" at Beit Sokolow, Tel Aviv, on Friday evening at 8.30. Admission is by ticket, obtainable at Beit Sokolow.

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Mr. Naftali Bein, Director of the Internal Trade Division of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, is to speak on "Fairness, Customs and Regulations in Trade," under Better Business Bureau auspices at the Patt Cafe, Mt. Carmel, Haifa, at 8 p.m. on Thursday (this evening).

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A new exhibition of paintings by Sarah Gliksman-Fajtlowicz will open under the auspices of the Israel Painters' and Sculptors' Association, at the Artists' Pavilion, 9 Rehov Alharizi, Tel Aviv, on Saturday morning at 11.

More Payis Prizes Set for 1959

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Cash prizes of more than IL7m. and 78 flats will be drawn in the Mifal Hapayis lottery in 1959, it was announced here on Wednesday. The number of prizes will reach nearly 95,000 compared to 92,400 this year.

Three flats will be drawn every fortnight. Only the owner of a IL2 ticket will be included in the drawing for flats. Tickets may be bought until 3 p.m. on the same day as the draw, which will take place at 5 p.m. The first draw in the year — to be held on January 1 — will be held at the Zion Hall in Jerusalem.

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LAW REPORT

The Jerusalem Post December 18, 1958

In the Supreme Court Sitting as Court of Civil Appeal

Before the President (Justice Olshan), Justices Goitein and Berinson.

Shindi Rubin & Children v. The General Manager of Israel Railways (C.A. 125/57).

Income Tax Payable By Deceased Not Deductable From Dependants' Compensation

The Supreme Court allowed an appeal and dismissed a cross-appeal against a judgment of the Haifa District Court delivered on April 8, 1957 (in C.C. 70/55).

Shimon Rubin, a 35-year-old stoker employed on the railways, was killed when the boiler of an engine which he was stoking exploded. He left a 26-year-old wife and two children, aged seven and two respectively.

The General Manager of Israel Railways admitted responsibility for the accident and the only issue between the parties centred on the amount of compensation payable to the widow and children. Judge I. Cohen of the Haifa District Court, in estimating the loss caused to the family by the death of their breadwinner, fixed the deceased's average earnings at a sum of IL335 per month after deducting income tax. From this sum he deducted a further amount for the deceased's personal expenses and reached a final figure of IL300 a month which he held should be divided between the widow and children in the proportion of IL80 a month for the widow and IL40 a month for each of the children until they should reach the age of 18 years. Although the deceased had been in good health at the time of the accident and could have been expected to have gone on earning for another 20 years (i.e. until he was 65), Judge Cohen nevertheless granted his widow the IL80 a month for seventeen years only, on the grounds that her chances of remarrying were good.

He then reduced the sums payable to the widow and children by a further 20 per cent for capitalization and deducted IL760 which the family had received from the Railway authorities in lieu of the deceased's severance pay (in accordance with the takshir) as well as the sums received by them from the National Insurance Institute. The family were finally granted a sum total of IL1,829 for the widow and IL730 and IL4,163 for each of the children respectively.

The widow and children appealed against the judgment and the General Manager of Israel Railways cross-appealed.

Mr. S. Yaron appeared for the appellants and Dr. Eliash, Assistant to the State Attorney, for the respondent.

Judgment

Justice Berinson, who delivered the judgment of the Supreme Court, considered the appellants' exceptions to the District Court ruling in turn. In holding that the exception to the reduction in the widow's damages because of her marriageability was not well-founded, he pointed out that the Supreme Court had repeatedly held that it is completely within the discretion of the court of first instance to assess a widow's potentialities on the marriage market and that if there are any special circumstances likely to decrease her normal chances of remarriage they should be brought to the knowledge of the court by the claimant herself.

Furthermore, Justice Berinson continued, the District Court had been perfectly justified in deducting 20 per cent for capitalization from the sum awarded the widow, despite the fact that it had already reduced that sum by her marriage potentiality, as this was just as legitimate a way of arriving at a proper estimate of the compensation due to the widow as was that advocated by the appellants' Counsel, *viz:* taking into account the widow's marriage potentiality when deciding by what percentage to reduce the gross amount of compensation for capitalization.

Turning next to the question of whether Judge Cohen had been entitled to deduct the income tax payable by the deceased when assessing the compensation payable to his dependants, Justice Berinson pointed out that the Supreme Court had already held that, in calculating loss of earnings of an injured person, no deductions may be made for income tax (see C.A. 81/55, P.D. 11/225). The District Court had, however, he said, distinguished between the case of an injured person who is, himself, the claimant and the case where an injured person dies as a result of his injuries, leaving his family to claim compensation equivalent to the pecuniary benefit which they might have reasonably expected from the continuance of his life. The question before the court is, therefore, Justice Berinson continued, whether this distinction is justifiable.

Not Fully Compensated

In holding that it is not, he referred particularly to one of the reasons given by Justice Witkon in C.A. 81/55 for his decision against permitting the deduction of income tax: the deceased's dependants would have to pay income tax on the proceeds from the compensation they received even though this compensation were based on a net loss of earnings after the deduction of income tax. They would thus in actual fact receive less than they would have received from the deceased if he had remained alive, which meant that they would not be fully compensated for their loss by the wrongdoer.

It is quite possible, Justice Berinson continued, that in England the practice is to deduct income tax when it is a question of compensation for the surviving dependants (although he could find no definite ruling to this effect). But even if that were so this practice would not be binding on the Supreme Court of Israel (see also C.A. 304/53, Psakim 17/117).

Turning next to the question of the IL760 grant which the appellants had received from the respondent in lieu of severance pay, Justice Berinson dismissed the argument that this sum should not have been taken into account at all, pointing out that it is a well-established rule that any benefit accruing to a dependant by reason of the death of the person who supports him must be taken into account when assessing the damages (see 1942, 1 A.E.L.R. 657). He dealt similarly with the argument that the death of the deceased had merely accelerated payment of a grant which might have been forthcoming in any case at some later date and that no benefit could, therefore, be said to have accrued to the appellants by reason of the deceased's death, holding that the dependants' right to the grant had arisen directly from the death of the deceased and that it made no difference whatsoever that the deceased himself might have been entitled to the grant, in the form of severance pay, if the circumstances had been different.

Acceleration Value

The appellants' Counsel had also argued, however, Justice Berinson continued, that even if the grant should have been taken into account it should not have been deducted *in toto*, since where the payment of a grant is likely to have been made to the dependants at some future date — as in the present case — then the dependants' benefit is not the whole amount of the grant but only the value of the acceleration of that payment, plus the certainty of its receipt. And with this argument, he continued, he agreed entirely (see also 13 A.C. 800). It would, however, be extremely difficult in the present case to assess the acceleration value of the grant, as there are certain imponderables which do not lend themselves easily to estimation or conjecture, such as, for example, the possibility that the deceased, if he had lived, might have resigned or been dismissed from his employment in circumstances such as would have negated his right to severance pay; or, on the other hand, the possibility that the deceased, if he had lived, might have received a much higher grant at a later date. The District Court would, therefore, have to weigh all the relevant factors against each other before deciding whether the accelerated receipt of the grant is of any benefit at all to the dependants, and if so, what the extent of this benefit is.

Justice Berinson then considered the appellants' Counsel's last argument: that the District Court had not been entitled to deduct a larger sum for National Insurance than that estimated by the respondent himself. In dismissing it, he held that the National Insurance Institute is entitled by law to restitution of the monies paid by it to the appellants, and any estimate or declaration made by the respondent could not derogate from its legal rights.

Justice Berinson then went on to dismiss the respondent's cross-appeal against the damages awarded under certain heads, holding, amongst other things, that the deceased's cost of living did not necessarily amount to one-quarter of the total living expenses of the family (see C.A. 192/55, P.D. 10/1224) and that account must be taken of the fact that there had been an increase in wages when estimating the deceased's probable earning capacity (see C.A. 176/53, P.D. 8/1145).

The appeal was allowed and the case returned to the District Court for re-estimation of the compensation due to the appellants on the basis of the deceased's gross earnings, and for assessment of the acceleration value, if any, of the IL760 grant. The cross-appeal was dismissed and the respondent ordered to pay IL250 costs.

Judgment given on December 14, 1958.

KUWAIT.—A Tyneside firm, Common Bros. Ltd., will manage the first Kuwait-owned tanker, the Kazimah, launched for the Kuwait oil tanker company at Sasebo, Japan, on Monday, it was disclosed in Newcastle.

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GEORGE KENNAN

Kennan Sees 'Last Chance' for West

NEW YORK (Reuter). — Mr. George F. Kennan, former U.S. Ambassador to Moscow, wrote on Tuesday that the current crisis in Berlin probably gave the West its last chance to reopen, review, and try to solve the whole question of German reunification.

In the current issue of the authoritative magazine, "Foreign Affairs," Mr. Kennan wrote, "The recent Soviet move in the Berlin situation is a clear signal that from the standpoint of Moscow's interests, time has now run out."

He again urged the disengagement plan he first set out in his widely discussed Reith Lectures, broadcast on the B.B.C. last year. At that time, he commented that the Western position in Berlin "is by no means a sound or safe one."

He said that a number of basic Western assumptions should be reviewed in the light of the present crisis. Mr. Kennan wrote that the first argument to be challenged was that Russia could not afford to reach an agreement which would involve the withdrawal of troops from East Germany and the satellite nations.

It was in the interests of many Eastern Europeans, both Communist and non-Communist, that they should be part of a disengagement plan. "It was not by accident that the Rapacki plan (for an atom-free zone) originated in Warsaw," he commented. "And one may well ask whether it was wise or necessary that this initiative should be so cavalierly rejected as it was in the Western chancelleries."

He stated that the Western position should be more liberal and flexible and involve "a real readiness to compromise where compromise is permissible, and to accept the lesser risks for the sake of avoiding the major ones."

MP's Rehearse Suez Operation

LONDON (Reuter). — The Government on Tuesday night refused a Labour request in the House to appoint an all-party committee to inquire into the Suez operations and the events that led up to them.

Presenting his demand, Mr. George Wigg said the whole Suez affair was shrouded in mystery. The fact, he said, that Sir Anthony Eden, Prime Minister at the time, could, as his last words to the House, say he would do it all again, meant it was a national requirement that the acts should be weighed and investigated.

Mr. Wigg said whatever one might think about the Suez operations and the necessity for strong action, there was a lack of planning, ships and aircraft. The whole proceeding was cumbersome.

He said he had never believed in the "rather crude" version of collusion between Britain, France and Israel, as it was painted in some papers.

"I believe that the truth about Sir Anthony Eden is that he was and remains an honourable man. I believe what Mr. Randolph Churchill wrote about him that he did not know all that was going on. Perhaps the charge against him is that he did not know and ought to have known.

French and B-G

Mr. Wigg said he believed the "villains of the piece" were the French and he did not exempt Mr. Ben-Gurion.

He said he thought it was a myth that the British could give the Egyptians a lesson and "smash Nasser now." The truth was that it was beyond Britain's economic and financial capacity to build up the armed forces necessary.

He thought it was also a myth to believe the Israelis inflicted a major military defeat on the Egyptian Army and that they could do it again. Yet it was on a belief in this that the Government's Middle East policy was based at the present time.

Head Replies

Mr. Anthony Head, who was Secretary for War at the time of the Suez operation, replied that he believed the operation had been misunderstood.

The Canal was the area of dispute, not Egypt or Cairo, he said. The operation was set for a frontal assault on Port Said which might have been a considerably defended port. To the west of the Canal was one armoured group, and on the other side three armoured groups.

"There have been very many people who had said how slow this operation was" he went on. "But I have not yet heard one single suggestion of how it could be done quicker, except as an all airborne operation to seize the Canal." That course had been unanimously rejected.

Mr. Head said: "It would have been a bold man with ultimate responsibility who would have done an airborne operation against all military advice, and probably with the resignation of those military advisers who had been overridden. He personally thought it would have been a "most risky and unwise measure, which would have risked a large number of lives."

"Had we done that at the very start there was in existence a well-manned Egyptian Air Force—by that I do not necessarily mean Egyptians — which might have inflicted very serious damage on the slow-flying aircraft that bring in airborne troops."

In this plan they were necessarily tied down to doing it by land forces. It was impossible to mount an operation comprising very large numbers of tanks and vehicles without a deep-water port. This was at Haifa, six days by ship away, he said.

Mr. Head said the operation was planned so that the air operation eliminated the Egyptian Air Force. That was "a brilliant exploit by the Royal Air Force."

The second target of the RAF was to beat up the Egyptian Army. The way it did that was exemplified by the fact that anyone in a military vehicle in Egypt at that time got out and ran, and anyone in a civilian vehicle motored on.

The next aspect of the plan was an assault on Port Said with the minimum damage. An assault on a defended port was not an entirely easy matter. But the airborne drop went off without a hitch and was a "100 per cent success."

JORDAN WANTS MORE FLIGHTS TO AMMAN

Jordan is negotiating with K.L.M. and other foreign airlines whose planes fly over her territory to induce them to make one weekly landing in Amman to take on passengers, the Old City paper "A-Difa" reported on Wednesday.

Jordan has already made this a condition for renewing permission to K.L.M. to continue its east-bound flights over her territory for another year.

'Only China to Outlast 2-Day World War'

BOSTON (Reuter). — Britain and Western Europe would be destroyed on the first day of a world war under a Soviet timetable, according to Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt. The U.S. would be destroyed on the second day, she said.

Mrs. Roosevelt said in a speech here on Sunday that Prime Minister Nikita Khrushchev told her of the timetable on her recent visit to Russia.

But by the second day Russia would have suffered heavily from American retaliation and only China of the world's big three nations could survive.

ALTHEA GIBSON

Althea Gibson Again Ranked U.S. No. 1

NEW YORK. — Althea Gibson, who has dominated the women's tennis world for several years, has again been ranked No. 1 by the U.S. Lawn Tennis Association. Her ranking, and that of other players behind her, does not become official, however, until the U.S. L.T.A.'s annual meeting on January 17.

The tall Negro girl from Harlem, who combines a powerful service with a daring, aggressive attack, won both the Wimbledon and U.S. women's championships for the second time in 1958. She has also won other international tournaments in South America, Jamaica, England, Ireland and the U.S. Miss Gibson has said she will not defend her Wimbledon and United States titles in 1959.

Mrs. Beverly Baker-Fleitz, who did not compete at Wimbledon, is ranked second and Miss Darlene Hard, ranked fourth last year, moves up to third place, with Mrs. Dorothy Head Knode, fourth. Mrs. Margaret Osborne Dupont, fifth, Miss Jeanne Arth, sixth and Miss Janet Hopps, seventh. *(UBI, Reuter)*

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME

522, 249, 33.3 & 41.7 M.

News: Hebrew: 6.35, 7.00 and 7.55 a.m. 1.30, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00 and 11.00 p.m.

English: 2.00 p.m. **French:** 3.15 p.m.

8.30 a.m. Religious Service (R). 6.57 Exercises. 6.47 Musical Clock (R). 7.17 Morning Melodies. 8.00 Close Down.

11.00 a.m. Popular Concert. Kodaly: Suite "Harry Janos." Rachmaninoff: Piano Concerto No. 3 in D-minor, opus 30. (Soloist—the Composer). 12.00 Sephardic Tunes. 12.30 Lunchtime Music. 12.45 Housewife's Request Programme. 1.45 Where to Go? 1.50 Light Music. 2.30 Close Down.

4.30 p.m. News in English, Swedish and Spanish. 5.05 Popular Songs and Melodies. 5.25 Songs by Gustav Mahler, performed by Edith Goldschmidt (Contralto) with Eitan Lustig at the Piano. 5.45 Children's Corner. 6.00 Youth Corner. 6.30 Sports. 6.40 Talmud Lesson. 7.20 Ron Ami. 7.35 Woman's Programme. 8.05 Noah's Ark. 8.50 Bible Reading. Yeshayahu chap. 1 & 2. 9.15 Newsreel. 9.30 Programme by Peter Frye & Y. Ben-Porath with the participation of Y. Targum. 10.15 At the Knesset. 10.55 Songs and Dance Request Programme. 11.10 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME

422, 468, 232.7, 41.7 & 32.3 M.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR: 5.30 Mif'al Hapayis Drawing. 6.00 Concert by the Haifa Orchestra. Conductor: Richard Korn. Beethoven: Symphony No. 8 in F, opus 93. 6.30 "Listen & Understand."

7.00 French. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.00 Mograbit. 8.15 News in Easy Hebrew. 8.30 Ladino. 9.00 Rumanian. 9.15 Hungarian. 9.30 Polish. 9.45 News in English. 10.00 Close Down.

ARABIC PROGRAMME

497 & 41.67 M.

Arabic Programme (including News): 6.30—7.15 a.m. 1.15—2.15 and 5.30—11.15 p.m. Persian 5.15 p.m.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (33.3 M.): Programme to South Africa: 6.30 News. 6.37 "Thursday Column"—Walter Eytan. 6.45 Newsreel. 6.53 Afrikaans Programme.

Programme to the U.K.: 10.15 News. 10.22 "Thursday Column" Walter Eytan. 10.30 "Around & About." 10.40 The Week's Portion.

ARMY PROGRAMME (48.4, 216, 225 & 285 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.33 Songs. 7.00 News. 7.15 "Bow & Arrow." 7.45 "Worth Listening To." 8.05 Noah's Ark. 8.50 "Intermezzo." 9.00 News. 9.15 Excerpts from Operas. 9.45 Evening Tunes, Dance Music. 10.30 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (1380, 16.84 & 34.80): 7.15-7.45 p.m. News. News Talk. Week's Feature.

MUSIC U.S.A. (19 & 25 M.): Voice of America: 9.00—11.00 p.m. Light music & jazz.

CYPRUS BROADCASTING SERVICE — English Programme (494 & 466 M.): 7.00 a.m. News 12.30 p.m. Midday Melodies. 1.30 News. 4.30 Teatime Music. 7.00 News and Commentary. 7.15 Ted Heath plays the "London Suite." 10.00 "Return Journey to Swansea." 10.30 Sandy Macpherson at the Theatre Organ. 11.00 News.

Where to go

• **Meet the Israeli:** — Tourists invited to meet Israelis at home. Information at Government Tourist Office, Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa.

• **Zoo:** — Jerusalem Biblical Zoo, 8-6.

• **Exhibitions:** — New Exhibitions: 10 Years of Archaeological Activities, 1948-1958. Department of Antiquities, 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech, 9-1; 3-5.

Permanent exhibition of Jewish Ceremonial Art. Expressionism, Jewish artists (from Museum Collection). Archaeological pieces. Samples of primitive sculpture. Bezalel Museum, 9-1; 2.30-5.

Exhibition of Oil Paintings and Monotypes by David Ben Shaul, Artists House, 10-1; 4-6.

Exhibition of Oil Paintings by Olga Freudman-Rado. Gouaches by Ferro, Bat Yossef. Nora Art Gallery, 9 Maimon Ave. 10-1; 3-6.

• **English Speaking Discussion Group:** — "The Problems Facing the Country in the Immediate Period Ahead." Led by Mr. Avraham Harman, Member of Jewish Agency Executive. Chairman: Prof. Haim Rabin. Beeri Club, 9 Alharizi. 8.15.

• **Tours** — Hebrew University conducted tour in English, daily at 13 noon. New University Campus. Spend a morning with Hadassah on a conducted tour starting at 9 a.m. Book for this tour by phoning 4061, Hadassah Club, Straus Health Centre.

• **Film Shows:** — Israel Films daily, 11.30 Keren Hayesod Hall.

— TEL AVIV —

• **Restaurants:** — Italian specialities. Lunch. Dinner. Luky's Bar Restaurant, 3 Allenby Rd. First Class Italian menu at IL5. Phone 63782.

• **Exhibitions:** — Ya'acov Agam — first local exhibition of "Moving Pictures" and "Changing Pictures,"—first exhibited and acclaimed at his Paris Exhibition. Opening 5 p.m. Tel Aviv Museum.

• **Theatre:** — Cameri: "Tonight We Improvise". 8.

• **Tourist Service:** — Visit Hadassah Club, 39 Rehov Hayarkon, Tel. 22239. Wizo Club, 91 Rehov Hayarkon, Tel. 28835, 8-2 p.m.

• **Z.O.A. House:** — Tourist Service (9 a.m.—9 p.m.) daily.

— HAIFA —

• **Tourist Service:** — Hadassah Club, Youth Aliyah Offices, 22 Rehov Hehaluts, Tel. 67955.

• **Exhibitions:** Consumer goods exhibition: lighting fixtures, lamps, fabrics and toys. Industrial Design Exhibition Centre. Beit Hakranot, 10-1; 4-7.

• **Theatre:** — Ohel: "The Respectful Prostitute." Armon, 9.

• **Golden Age Club** — "Something of Value," lecture by Mrs. Nanny Margulies of the World Wizo Executive. Wizo Work (coloured slides). Guests welcome. B'nei B'rith Club, 2 Wedgwood Ave., Mt. Carmel. 4.30.

— RAMAT GAN —

• **Chamber Music:** — The third Subscription Concert of the Ramat Gan Chamber Orchestra. Conductor: Gary Bertini. Soloist: Blaise Calame, "Beit-Zvi" Hall, 8.30 p.m.

— NATANYA —

• **Theatre:** — Habimah, "Cry, the Beloved Country," 8.

— AFULA —

• **Entertainment:** — Dajgan & Szumacher: "Zeh yi du gehat." Kol Ron Hall, 8.30.

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Pal. Clearer Bds Ser. I	98½
3½% Comp. Loan	71
3½% War Loan 54/59	97
3½% Travel Dollar Z)	96
4% Reg Sterling "A"	97
Def. Loan Bonds 62½ f)	103½
4½% Def. Bonds f)	104½
6½% Def. Bonds g)	102½
6½% Loa. G. Debs. f)	102½
6½% Loa. G. Debs. g)	103½
Pal. Elec. pref. sh. (Ldn.)	276
6½% Bonds 58/63 f)	104
ditto g)	113
Keren Hayesod	
6½% Deb. 58/63 f)	105
ditto g)	106½
6% Deb. 59/63 f)	102
ditto g)	101½
Igrosh 6½% Deb. 58/63	102½
Hassco 6½% Deb. 58/63	
Class "A" f)	102½
Class "B" g)	109
Hassco 6% pref. ord. sh.	94
Bk. Leumi ord. sh.	147½
Bearer Savings Cert. '59	99½
Bk. Leumi Investment	
Ord. sh. "B" reg.	100½
Ata ord "B" sh.	81
"Merchanesh" ord. "B"	61
7% con. debs. 59/63	79½
"Tera" ord. sh.	82
Pal. Cold St. ord sh. reg.	130
Pass 4% debs. 60/64 reg.	80
Ritzr 4% debs. 56/65	88½
Ntr 5% pref. sh.	91½
Gen. Mortg. Bk. ord. sh.	82½
I.L.D.C. ord. sh. reg.	86½
5% debs.	83½
Afr. Pal. Inv. ord. sh.	86½
Meller ord. sh. reg.	1050
Pal. Brewery 5% con. debs	74
Tnuba Bejarano "B" sh.	68
Mosher 5% debs "A" 55/64	117
Pal. Potash "A" ord. sh.	81½
Dead Sea Works	281
Delek ord. sh. "C"	88½
Mekorot pref. sh.	77
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Cinemas

JERUSALEM

3.30, 6.45, 9.45

ARNON: Run Silent, Run Deep
EDEN: Les Girls
OR GIL: The Best Years of Our Lives. 5.30, 8.30.
ORION: Afrita Hanem.
ORNA: A Certain Smile.
RON: Sergeant York.
SEMADAR: Bowals. (The Penny)
TEL OR: Les Possedes.
ZION HALL: Wild is the Wind. 6.45, 9.
EDISON: Lisbon.
STUDIO: Bus Stop.

TEL AVIV

3.30, 7.15, 9.15

ALLENBY: Smiley (3.30, 7.30, 9.30).
ARMON DAVID: Montparnasse 19
CHEN: Sweet Smell of Success.
EDEN: Gazal El-Banat.
ESTHER: The Barretts of Wimpole Street.
GAT: Wuthering Heights.
MAXIM: Song of the Red Rose.
MOGRABI: The Bridge on the River Kwai. (3.30, 6.45, 9.45).
MIGDALOR: La Chatte.
OPHIR: The Sad Sack.
ORION: No Time for Sergeants.
PEER: Therese Etienne.
SHDEROTH: Et Dieu . . . Crea La Femme.
TAMAR: The Great Dictator.
TCHELET: Oklahoma.
TEL AVIV: The Hunters, 3.30, 7.15, 9.30.
YARON: Backlash.
ZAMIR: La joyeuse prison.
ZAFON: I Bidone.

HAIFA

3.30, 6.45, 9

PEER: The Bridge on the River Kwai 3, 6, 9.
ATZMON: Silk Stockings.
GAL OR: The Inspector General.
ARMON: In Such a Night.
EN DOR: Amber.
ORLY: The Admirable Crichton.
AMPHITHEATRE: Fraeulein.
ORAH: Poveri Ma Belli (Lovely Though Poor).
ORION: The Sheepman.
MORIAH: The Teahouse of the August Moon.
MAY: Rand of Angels.

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ARRIVALS: El Al 102 from Johannesburg, Leopoldville, Vilji and Cano at 0930. Air France 139 from Teheran at 1530. El Al 402 from Istanbul at 1630. El Al 208 from New York, London and Athens at 1910. Alitalia 494 from Rome at 2230. Cyprus Airways 24 from London, Zurich, Athens and Nicosia at 2350. El Al 414 from London, Paris and Zurich at 2255. El Al 416 from Amsterdam, Cologne and Rome at 2355. Olympic Airways 614 from London, Paris Rome and Athens at 0010.

DEPARTURES: Swissair 331 to Athens and Zurich at 0900. BEA 127 to Athens, Rome and London at 0815. Cyprus Airways 33 to Nicosia, Ankara, Istanbul, Rome, Nice and London at 0830. El Al 407 to Istanbul at 0900. TWA 801 to Athens, Rome, Geneva, Paris and New York at 1015. Sabena 538 to Athens and Brussels at 1030. KLM 536 to Rome and Amsterdam at 1215. El Al 207 to Rome, Paris and New York at 1500. Air France 139 to Rome and Paris at 1630.

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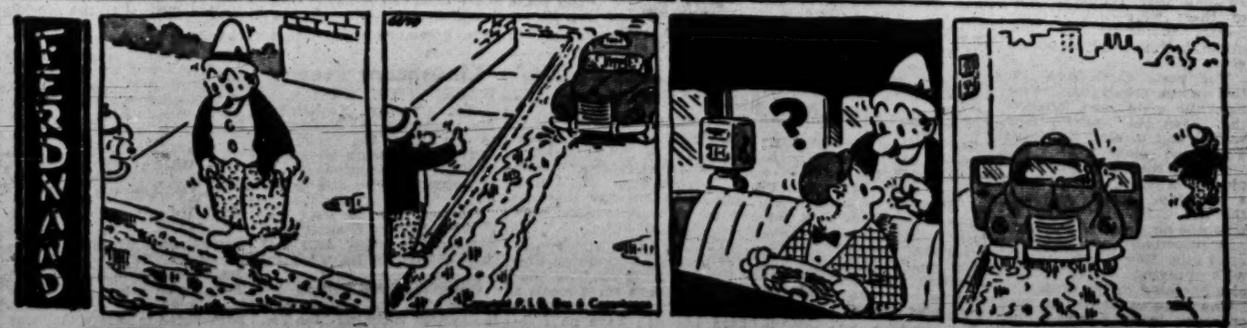

Today's Postbags

The Weather

WEATHER SYNOPSIS: A ridge of high pressure extends to our region.
FORECAST: Partly cloudy to clear.

	A	B	C	D
Mt. Cana'an	77	5	13	12
Tiberias	84	13	22	22
Haifa Port	81	13	22	20
Natanya	66	10	21	20
Tel Aviv Kirya	67	10	20	20
Tel Aviv Port	75	14	20	20
Lydda Airport	62	8	21	21
Jerusalem	57	10	16	15
Beersheba	43	7	19	20
Sdom	46	11	23	24
Eilat	56	11	24	25

A: Humidity at 9 p.m. B: Minimum temp. C: Maximum yesterday. D: Maximum temp. expected today

ARRIVALS

Dr. P. Shinnar, Director of the Shilumim Corporation, from Cologne, for consultations (by El Al).

Dr. Y. Arnon Director-General of the Ministry of Finance, from Paris, after a visit to West African countries on commercial matters (by El Al).

DEPARTURES

Mr. K Nathan, Israel Representative of B.E.A., for Athens on company business (by Cyprus Airways).

A REVOLVER (No. 6445) was on Tuesday stolen from the jeep of Mr. Shaul Homski, of Tel Aviv, while it was parked in Rothschild Boulevard. A magazine containing nine bullets was also taken.

Local Assembly Of Fregates to Stop

The assembly of Fregate cars by Kaiser-Frazer in Haifa is to be stopped following the calculation by Government experts that this line is uneconomic since the cost in terms of local currency per dollar saved is excessive. This was learned from Government sources in Jerusalem on Wednesday.

A free market for passenger cars is now in existence and the Government has formulated new tax rates applying to locally-assembled and imported cars. The new regulations no longer require that a permit be obtained for the purchase of locally-assembled cars and the latter will now be available from the Kaiser-Fraser agencies. The price of the Dauphine has been set at IL6,250 and of the Quatre Chevaux at IL5,345.

It is understood that the new regulations concerning the import of cars have been drawn up with the intention of increasing competition and thus inducing Kaiser-Frazer to improve their products and service. Import licences will no longer be required for cars of more than 16 h.p. and the Government will allocate the necessary foreign currency for their purchase.

Import permits will be granted for cars of less than 16 h.p. if they are paid for abroad, but the recipient of the vehicle will have to declare the source of the money.

In order to limit the number of luxury cars imported, the tax levied on new cars of more than 16 h.p has been set at IL8 per kg. weight, or 110 per cent of the car's value plus IL5 per kg. weight, *whichever is higher.*

As from December 15, there is also no need for a licence permitting the transfer of a car from one person to the other. Previously, such a transfer was forbidden for a period of two years from the day the car was imported or the permit for its purchase was issued.

Yosef Rimon, Poet, Dies at 69

TEL AVIV. — The poet Yosef Zvi Rimon passed away at his home in Yad Eliahu on Wednesday at the age of 69. He was buried in the afternoon at the Old Cemetery in Rehov Trumpeldor, where he was eulogized by the poet A. Broides on behalf of the Writers' Association.

Rimon came to Palestine in 1908. His verse, mostly on religious themes, was published in four volumes. He leaves a wife and two children. *(Itim)*

Y. Horpy to be Buried In K. Gat Tomorrow

TEL AVIV. — The funeral of Yitzhak Horpy (Chizik), the Israel Consul in Chicago, who died in the U.S. on November 28, will leave on Friday (tomorrow) from the Hadassah Hospital, Rehov Balfour, Tel Aviv, for Kiryat Gat. The coffin is due to arrive by air on Thursday.

Mrs. Horpy flew home from New York on Tuesday night.

Mapam Opening Drive for Old Wage, C-O-L Pay Systems

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Mapam is to open a campaign to revise the collective wages agreements and the c-o-l allowance payments system, with a country-wide rally of works committees here on Friday evening, Mr. Y. Nimri, of the Mapam Trade Union Department, announced on Wednesday.

Mr. Nimri said that his party opposed the present method of formulating Histadrut wage policy which is for the Mapai Central Committee to decide first, and then bring its decision for ratification by the Histadrut Executive, without consulting workers at factory level.

(The Histadrut Trade Union Department is to discuss the renewal of the biennial collective labour contracts next week.)

The American social services expert, Dr. Klein, had shown in his recent report on basic social needs in Israel, that a family of four required a monthly wage of IL238 and with the increase in the c-o-l index since then, the basic wage requirement would stand at IL250 today, Mr. Nimri continued.

However, an unskilled worker in the metal industry was receiving only IL183 a month and a skilled worker in Grade A received IL280. In the textile industry, wages ranged from IL180 to IL357. The increase in the daily wage of an unskilled metal worker during the last seven years was only 400 pruta, Mr. Shmuel Cohen of the Metal Workers' Union, claimed.

Mr. Nimri criticized Mapai's proposals for wage increases, which were confined to salaried workers and clerks, but did not affect productive trades.

The main speakers at Friday's conference will be Mr. Mordechai Bentov, Minister of Development, Mr. Meir Ya'ari, General Secretary of Mapam, and Mr. Y. Yudin, of the Histadrut Central Committee.

LAVON DECLARES — Carmel's Stand On Buses 'Unrealistic'

POST Labour Correspondent

TEL. AVIV. — The Histadrut Secretary-General, Mr. Pinhas Lavon has levelled criticism both at the Minister of Transport, Mr. Moshe Carmel, and more indirectly, at the Mapai "Young generation." In an interview on Wednesday with a correspondent of Davar, the Histadrut organ, Mr. Lavon attacked Mr. Carmel's opposition to the replacement of the bus cooperatives by public companies. He stressed that "the problem of reorganizing public transport will be dealt with by the Government as a whole, and not by one Cabinet Minister according to his party or departmental inclinations."

The issue of changing the ownership of the bus cooperatives was not "just a ministerial-technical one" but of great public importance to the country as a whole, Mr. Lavon declared. Only the Government could decide on this important subject after Cabinet level debate.

He discounted the Minister's confidence that the Transport Ministry could maintain proper control over the cooperatives under the present system.

A Man's Value

Speaking at a Histadrut 38th Anniversary party for Histadrut Executive officials here on Tuesday night, Mr. Lavon attacked "the pointless biological argument which talks of integration of the generations and really means a change of leadership." Every man in this country must be judged by his value, capability and moral standing, and not by his age group, Mr. Lavon said.

"There are young men whose usefulness is small, while there are older men whose value is great," he declared.

The Histadrut Secretary-General rejected "fruitless talk" of efficiency dismissals and unemployment "which must be artificially created so as to reach economic viability." The Histadrut had done much in aid of economic viability," and not in order to find favour with anyone, Mr. Lavon declared.

Even the General Zionist leader, Mr. P. Bernstein, M.K., had dropped this idea "of the incentive of unemployment," and its advocacy was hostile to the spirit of the national labour movement. The Histadrut would continue to reject "facile solutions" to very complex economic situations.

Mr. Lavon declared that the Histadrut would continue its 38-year-old tradition of "responsibility to the nation and care for the working man."

Mr. Lavon, requested the Histadrut officials to waive reduction in work hours during the summer.

Mapai Preparing Party Elections

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Mapai branches throughout the country have begun discussing the nomination of candidates to serve as delegates to the party's forthcoming Ninth National Convention and on its local councils.

December 20 has been set as the final date for submitting candidates, and the 160,000 Mapai adherents who confirmed their membership in the recent party census will vote on January 3 and 4.

Leading Mapai members, including Cabinet Ministers, Histadrut leaders and Knesset Members, will have their names submitted through local branches for election as delegates to the convention.

Despite the recent top-level discussions on internal party relations, the choice of nominations was made in a cordial atmosphere, it was learned from sources close to the Mapai Secretariat. This may be taken as the first result of the Kfar Hayarok meeting at which it was resolved to ensure that the newer elements, both younger members and new immigrants, are given due representation on party institutions and bodies.

Mr. Yosef Almogi, M.K., Secretary of the Haifa Labour Council, will be co-opted onto the Mapai Secretariat immediately after the party elections. It is understood that he will be in charge of party organization in connection with the elections for the Fourth Knesset and the Municipal Councils. His appointment was agreed to unanimously by the Secretariat, it is learned.

Lebanese Steal Sheep from Dishon

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TIBERIAS. — Marauders from the Lebanon on Tuesday night stole 24 sheep from the shed belonging to Mr. David Azulai, of Dishon, near the border.

Mr. Azulai found the sheep missing when he opened the shed at 5 a.m. on Wednesday. He informed the police, whose investigators found the tracks of three men and 22 sheep leading to the border. The two remaining animals, which had apparently strayed from the flock, were found grazing in nearby fields.

260 IMMIGRANTS arrived in El Al planes from Eastern Europe on Tuesday evening.

Galili Says Approach To U.N. Worthwhile

LYDDA AIRPORT. — While world indifference to Israel's problems on her Northern border is "astounding," from a political and a publicity point of view it was well worth our while to protest against Syrian aggression before the Security Council, Mr. Yisrael Galili, M.K., declared on his arrival on Tuesday evening from the U.N. General Assembly.

With Mr. Galili on the same El Al plane was Mr. David Hacohen, M.K., also a member of the Israel delegation to the Assembly.

Since the handling of the Israel protest has been delegated to the Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, Israel may expect difficulties on the question of the Demilitarized Zone and the authority of the U.N. observers posted along the frontier, Mr Galili declared.

He went on to say that it appears that the General Assembly has decided once and for all to commit itself to a solution of the Arab refugee problem, and has authorized Mr. Hammarskjold to handle the matter. A significant proportion of the members support the plan to allow the refugees to choose whether to accept compensation or to return to Israel, in spite of the fact that a state of war still exists between Israel and her Arab neighbours. *(Itim)*

BBC's Hebrew Among Jammed Broadcasts

LONDON (Reuter). — British Broadcasting Corporation transmissions in some foreign languages are still "deliberately and systematically jammed," the B.B.C. Annual handbook stated on Wednesday.

Jamming occurs in the following order of severity: Russian, Czech and Slovak, Hungarian, Bulgarian, Rumanian, Persian, Polish, Finnish, Greek, Turkish, Hebrew, Albanian, German.

Jamming by Poland has stopped, but Polish language broadcasts are "still being deliberately attacked by jamming from sources in the USSR and elsewhere."

THE FORTNIGHTLY convoy went up to Mount Scopus on Wednesday, taking the customary supplies and change of guard and Hadassah and Hebrew University staff members. Fifteen University and Hadassah workers also went along as visitors, returning with the convoy.

Youth Groups In Schools Debated

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Motions by six Knesset factions calling for a debate on the status of youth movements in the schools were adopted by the House on Wednesday, with the agreement of the Minister of Education, Mr. Zalman Aranne.

The Prime Minister, who also replied, said that many of those who objected to the Government's banning of youth movements from the elementary schools could apparently not rid themselves of pre-State habits of thought. They were really opposed to the very idea of State education, and preferred that children be trained from the cradle by political parties.

"I know movements which do this: they train robots," Mr. Ben-Gurion declared.

Mr. Aranne said that the Government decision to ban youth movement activities in the elementary schools was required by the State Education Law. To be on the safe side, it had also banned a few movements which might not have a political character.

In any case, "bedlam and perpetual war" would result if all 11 existing youth movements were allowed to function within the elementary schools. (The plan does not apply to secondary schools.)

Mr. Aranne added that this did not mean the Government had no obligation to foster youth movements.

The Ahdut Ha'avoda and Mapam speakers — Mrs. Ruth Hektin and Mrs. Emma Talmi — stressed the importance of the work of pioneering youth movements. They implied that the Government ban was designed to increase Mapai's influence in the schools.

A special status for the Scout Movement because of its non-partisan character was urged by Mr. Yohanan Cohen (Prog.), Mr. Israel Rokach (G.Z.) and Mr. Aryeh Bahir (Mapai).

Mrs. Esther Raziel-Naor (Herut) called the Scouts a legacy of the Mandate. She called for an end to "discrimination against the Betar movement."

Government Prepares Local Elections Bill

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Government will next week complete its discussions of a bill on municipal elections before presenting it to the Knesset, Interior Minister Israel Bar-Yehuda told the House on Wednesday.

He was replying to motions by Mr. Yohanan Cohen (Progressive) and Mr. Israel Rokach (G.Z.) presenting bills to fix election dates for municipal councils separate from the dates of Knesset elections, and to a bill by Dr. I. S. Rosenberg (National Religious) providing that all elections be held on the same day.

In view of Mr. Bar-Yehuda's statement, the three sponsors agreed to withdraw their motions.

New Regulations For Admission to Knesset

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Beginning next Monday, admission to the Knesset gallery will be on the basis of identity card and available seats, and the written recommendation of an M.K. will no longer be required. Applications for tickets should be made as heretofore at the office in the Knesset annex.

The new Knesset wing, the entrance to which is in Rehov Beeri, will be opened on Monday. Persons who wish to speak to a Member should apply to the information office in the new wing.

The Knesset entrance in Rehov King George will now be restricted to Members and to a limited group of high-ranking officials, including Directors-General.

Ministry Grooms Radio Operators

TEL. AVIV. — Young men over 16 years of age will be able to earn their keep while learning to be wireless operators at a Ministry of Defence course for which enrolment opened this week.

Applicants must know one foreign language, and must pass psycho-technical tests.

During the one year of schooling, participants will receive IL100 per month and their lunch. In return, they will be expected to join the Army on completion of the course and the staff of the Ministry of Defence later on.

Nazareth Cab Owners Plead Unfair Competition

Jerusalem Post Reporter

AFULA. — Twenty-two Nazareth taxi owners demonstrated in front of the District Traffic Police building here on Wednesday to complain that car owners in their town are using their vehicles to carry passengers against payment and also hire drivers for the purpose.

The taxi owners claimed that among the culprits, are teachers, headmasters and heads of other public institutions.

The District Police Commander promised to take measures to prevent the malpractices.

Censors at Work — Close Look At Negro Dancers

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The 24 dancers, singers and musicians of the Ballets Africains de Keita Fodeba who arrived in Haifa on Tuesday, gave excerpts from their show before the Censorship Board at the Ohel Shem Hall here on Wednesday morning.

The Board hinted that some numbers might be cut or some of the dancers wear more clothing.

The ballet introduces the audience to folklore scenes from the heart of Africa, and some of the women appear bare-chested. The majority opinion of those present, who included a large number of pressmen, said that there was no ground for altering any part of the performance.

The premiere will be given at the Ohel Shem hall on Saturday night under the patronage of the French Ambassador. The ballet will tour the country for three weeks.

On Wednesday night the Censorship Board informed the impresario that it would hand down its decision on Thursday. It may also request a further closed showing of one of the numbers in the presence of the entire Board, composed of 17 members.

Japanese Musicians Extend Tour

The Japanese musicians now in Israel have agreed to extend their tour through Sunday because of the great interest shown in their concerts.

Mr. Shinichi Yuize, who plays the *koto*, and Mr. Hozan Yamamoto, who plays the *shakuhachi*, will give two public recitals over the weekend. One will be at the Pica House on Mt. Carmel on Friday and the second, at Beit Llessin in Tel Aviv on Sunday.

The two visitors had originally planned to leave Israel after their recital at the Rubin Academy of Music in Jerusalem on Wednesday night. They have already appeared at Hazorea and Ma'ayan Zvi as well as at the ZOA House in Tel Aviv to invited audiences. On Friday, they plan to give a concert in Kibbutz Yakum, near Herzliya.

Among the audience of 200 which attended Wednesday night's performance were the Foreign Minister, Mrs. Golda Meir, the Japanese Minister and Mrs. K. Negishi and the Dutch Ambassador, Mr. J. Bas Backer.

The two-hour programme comprised eight items — duets, solos and vocal pieces. The musicians, wearing formal Japanese dress, were seated on cushions on the stage.

A reception was held after the concert.

Wednesday afternoon in the capital was spent recording an interview accompanied with music at Kol Yisrael and with a demonstration lecture to Academy students.

Agency Clerk, Immigrant Couple, Held for Bribery

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A Jewish Agency clerk and an immigrant couple were detained by Jerusalem Police on Tuesday on charges of accepting and giving a IL300 bribe respectively.

The couple arrived from Poland several months ago. The wife, who is a gentile, found it difficult to adapt to conditions here, and asked her husband to return with her to Poland. After some time he agreed. However, the Ministry of Interior refused to grant them an exit visa until they paid an IL800 debt owed the Jewish Agency.

The wife, after meeting the Jewish Agency clerk several times, allegedly gave him IL200 for issuing a certificate that the IL800 debt had been paid.

The certificate is in the hands of the police. It is expected that all three will be released on bail on Thursday pending trial.

J.N.F. Builds Road To Makhtesh Hakatan

A 13-km. road linking the Makhtesh Hakatan with the main Beersheba-Sdom road was completed recently by the Jewish National Fund. It enters the Sdom road in the vicinity of kilometre 64.

The J.N.F. Reclamation Department carried out the work at the request of the National Petroleum Company, which is drilling for oil in the vicinity. The road will also serve J.N.F. reclamation experts doing research on local terrain.

ROADS. — Russia is planning to build 70,000 kms. of motor roads by 1965, the Soviet news agency, TASS, has reported. They will link Moscow with Volga cities.

'The Egg' Banned After Hit Season

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The chairman of the Film Censorship Board, Mr. L. Greenspon, on Wednesday wrote Habimah Theatre stating that the play "The Egg" has been banned for public performance in Israel.

He pointed out that it had come to the attention of the Israel authorities that the author, M. Félicien Marceau, had been sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment by the Belgian authorities for collaborating with the Nazis.

Mr. Greenspon asked that Habimah stop presenting the play imediately. The ban will become formal when the Board meets to confirm his decision.

Habima Theatre had received no notification by Wednesday night of the Censorship Board's decision to stop further performances of "The Egg," which ran before record audiences last season.

The playwright was sentenced some years ago by a Belgian Court to 15 years' imprisonment for collaboration with the Nazis.

Habima had no intention of reviving the play, and is now working towards Saturday evening's premiere of "Lysistrata." However, the theatre management hope that André Barsacq, the producer of "The Egg" will return from Paris, in April, to produce a further play.

B-G on Press

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question was not whether the press was entitled to receive information but whether it was entitled to choose for itself the official from whom it would receive the information.

The directives of the Civil Service Commissioner were based on Section 27 of the Amendment to the Penalties Law (State Security). If there was any curtailment of press freedom, then the law was responsible and not the Commissioner or the Attorney-General.

Nor could the name of the law be used as evidence that the legislator had had only security matters in mind. It was not unusual for the title of a law to reflect only part of its actual provisions.

Mr. Rosen said he had been shocked to learn from the press of the custom of court clerks opening court files to journalists. This practice — although it had taken root — was definitely against the law.

The Archives Regulations of 1955 were based on similar regulations in England. They provide that files may be opened only to persons who have a direct interest in the case. Exceptions must be approved by a judge or the court registrar, Mr. Rosen said.

In his reply, Mr. Ben-Gurion said that information which comes to the knowledge of a civil servant in the course of his official duties is not his private property, and it is not his to reveal without proper authorization. The question here was not freedom of the press but the rights and duties of civil servants.

"If a journalist asks me some questions and I refuse to answer, it would be ridiculous to call this a crime against freedom of the press. It would be just as ridiculous if this happened to my secretary, or a Director-General or his assistants," Mr. Ben-Gurion said.

Woman Murdered; Step-Son Detained

TEL. AVIV. — A 51-year-old woman was clubbed to death in her home in Herzliya on Wednesday. Her step-son, 22, who was found lying unconscious in the next room, apparently after an unsuccessful suicide attempt, is being held.

The body of Anta Ellenberg was discovered at 1 p.m. when her husband came home from work. The police whom he called to the scene took the son to the Tel Hashomer Hospital where he is being kept under guard. He had cut the veins of his wrists.

The woman had been killed by blows on the head from an empty soda siphon, which was found next to the body. She had also been stabbed several times with the same knife that the step-son used on his wrists.

The son had recently been released from a tubercular hospital.

His father told the police that he could not understand what could have come over his son. His stepmother had been very kind to him, Mr. Ellenberg said.

Joanovici Ordered To Pack His Bags

HAIFA. — Yosef Joanovici, the 53-year-old "scrap king" presented himself to the police on Wednesday morning at the end of the eight-days' grace he was given pending his deportation. Joanovici told the C.I.D. chief, Mr. M. Bendel, that, as he had expected, he had been unable during the week to obtain an entry-visa into any country.

He was ordered to report to the police twice daily, starting from Thursday (today), not to leave the town, and to have his luggage packed, ready to leave at a moment's notice, as soon as deportation could be arranged.

It is learned that the authorities intend to deport Joanovici by ship to save the cost of air travel. It is expected that he will be put aboard a Zim passenger ship bound for France. The next ship to leave for Marseilles, the Theodor Herzl, is due to sail next Wednesday.

'Yoyo' Jailed For Hitting Policeman

TEL AVIV. — One of the notorious members of Tel Aviv's underworld, David Becker, alias "Yoyo," was jailed for three years on Wednesday by Magistrate Y. Treivish.

Becker was sentenced this time for seriously injuring a policeman in Rehov Allenby on April 18. Magistrate Treivish, however, in handing down his sentence, took into consideration the accused's record of six previous convictions for assaulting police officers. *(Itim)*

MORE FUNDS ASKED FOR INDIGENT

The Social Welfare Advisory Committee attached to the Ministry of Welfare on Wednesday called on the Government to include in the budget for the coming fiscal year the higher welfare benefits for the needy recommended by Professor Philip Klein, a U.N. technical advisor. A sub-committee was appointed to deal with the implementation of Prof. Klein's recommendations. *(Itim)*

Hevrat Ovdim Passes IL 20m. Plan to Produce Phosphorus

TEL AVIV. — The Secretariat of Hevrat Ovdim, the Histadrut holding company, on Wednesday ratified the proposal of Koor to set up a factory for the production of elemental phosphorus at Dimona in cooperation with Hamashbir Hamerkazi, Hahevra Hamerkazit and Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd.

Mr. Y. Eliam, Managing Director of Koor, told the Secretariat meeting that the preliminary investment in the firm would be IL11.5 m., with a further IL8 m. to IL9 m. in the second stage. Apart from electric power, the principal ingredients required for manufacture of phosphorus are phosphates and sand, he declared.

Israel now mines 100,000 tons of phosphates yearly; more could be dug out but there is no market, Mr. Eliam said. The phosphorus plant will require 125,000 tons of phosphate in addition to 80,000 tons of sand.

When the plant was in full swing, it would turn out 10,000 tons a year, putting Israel in third place behind the U.S. and the USSR in production, he stated. Only 1,500 tons were required for home use and the remainder would be available for export.

Mr. Eliam reported that Hamashbir and Koor would invest IL4m.; Hahevra Hamerkazit IL3 m., Fertilizers and Chemicals IL1.75 m. and a British firm IL1.25 m. The equipment, which would cost an estimated IL2.75 m., would not be purchased out of Reparations funds. Some of its equipment would come from Koor factories.

He estimated that annual turnover during the first stage would be IL2 m. and at stage 2, IL4m. Some 200 workers would be employed.

The sole opponent of the plan, Mr. B. Linn, suggested that as the undertaking involved the exploitation of natural resources, the Government, through the Ministry of Development, should be taken in as a partner.

ISRAEL'S population was 2,022,500 at the end of November, the Central Bureau of Statistics reports. Of this total, 1,801,800 were Jews.

82-Year-Old Woman Lost in Ashkelon

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ASHKELON. — An 82-year-old woman, Mrs. Esther Leiser, has been missing from her home since 11.30 on Tuesday morning. Police trackers and planes spent Wednesday searching for the missing woman, who is thought to be mentally unbalanced. They will resume the search this morning (Thursday).

Mrs Leiser lives with her widowed stepdaughter. Despite her age, the old lady was used to walking out alone. She came to this country from Rumania seven years ago.

Old Folks Give For Immigration

TEL AVIV. — A cheque for IL1,136 for the purchase of Immigration Loan bonds was delivered to the head office of the Loan here on Wednesday by 30 inmates of the Malben Home for Aged in Natanya.

The spokesman of the old folks, Mr. Arthur Riger, 72, declared: "We're not dead yet, and everything that touches the State touches us as well." He added that the money was raised by the inmates from their pocket money, the IL2 and IL3 they earn a week.

The home cares for 580 persons. *(Itim)*

10 Injured When Tender Overturns

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — Ten persons were injured on Tuesday in an accident on the Masmiye-Haruvit road when a tender taking a group of teachers from Haruvit back to the settlement overturned after a rear tire burst.

The injured were taken to the Kaplan Hospital. According to police none of them was badly hurt. The driver was detained and later released on bail.

THE RADIO was stolen from a Dan bus parked in the cooperative's lot opposite the Rehov Arlosoroff Railway Station on Tuesday night. It is valued at IL300.

MENKES

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ganization as such, but the fact that the three men acting under the influence of the Club had cooperated to commit a terrorist act gave sufficient grounds under the law banning terrorist organizations to declare them as having comprised such an organization by themselves. He pointed out that Menkes had not been accused of membership in the "Sulam" Club but of membership in an undefined terrorist group.

Proof of the existence of such a group, composed of at least the three accused, did not rule out the possibility that there was a wider organization, and that Menkes was merely carrying out orders handed to him from someone higher up, President Olshan observed. Menkes, therefore was entitled to the benefit of the doubt as regards the prosecution's allegation that he was a leader of a terrorist organization.

Before being ordered from the courtroom, Menkes declared that he was only "waiting for the day when the nation will elect the disciples of Jabotinsky as its leaders. And that won't take long," the implication being presumably that he would then be pardoned. As he was being taken outside he continued to protest his innocence.

While the opinion of the court, which consisted of five justices, was unanimous, Mr. Justice Landau had at first suggested that Menkes' file be returned to the District Court to re-examine the question of whether that Court had not been influenced in judging Menkes' guilt by the recordings heard of Eckstein's confession to the Police. The other four members of the Bench, however, said there was no doubt on this point and Justice Landau in his judgment concurred with the findings of his colleagues.

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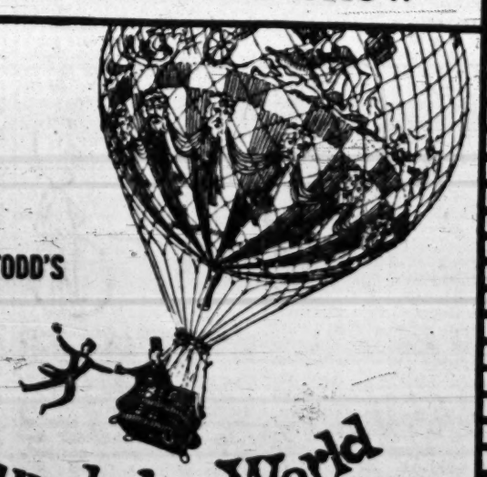

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EXPENSIVE REFORMS

LIBERALIZATION has become an economic slogan which is being used much too liberally. Ten days ago, the Foreign Currency Controller announced another step in the Treasury's liberalization policy which would allow every citizen to buy up to $100 a year from restitution recipients to be used for travel abroad. The procedure proposed by the Treasury at that time was simple — the Government would recognize a new foreign currency market where transactions would be effected at a free rate of exchange that would make the dollars cost about 30 per cent more than the official price.

The Controller was quick to call a press conference to tell the public about the new measures, and a day later he sent the regulations to the banks, and the new procedures should have become effective as of Monday, December 9. On the same day, the attention of the Controller was drawn to one major difficulty in his carefully worded regulations. It became apparent that by introducing the new system and thus recognizing a new rate of exchange, if only for certain specific transactions, the Government was heading for serious trouble. The many dollar-linked securities that have been floated by the Government as well as by other public institutions — such as the Palestine Electric Corporation and Rassco — contain a provision under which the issuing body must pay interest on these securities and eventually redeem them in accordance with the highest rate of exchange in effect in Israel at the time payment falls due.

Thus, every holder of dollar-linked securities could have claimed the application of the new "free market" rate to his holdings. When this was made clear, the Controller sent a circular to all banks asking them not to put the new scheme into operation until they received further instructions, and began to look for a way out. He had to produce a new scheme that would both satisfy the public, which has been promised $100 for foreign travel, and yet not increase the Government's liability to the holders of dollar-linked securities.

Even at this stage, instead of waiting for the results of a thorough study by legal experts and then formulating a workable scheme — a step that should of course have been taken in the first place — the Controller took up a suggestion that was raised by a leading banker at a meeting in Tel Aviv last week and introduced a scheme which is more complicated than anything we ever suffered before the Government embarked on its liberalization policy. Under the new rules, which were devised in a hurry, a resident who wishes to go abroad must approach a holder of restitution foreign currency deposits and buy from him $100 worth of foreign securities, paying in Israel currency, at an agreed rate. After holding these securities for 30 days he may again approach his bank to sell them for him, thus securing the required $100. He may also, if he wishes, take the securities with him and find a buyer abroad.

Not only is this a cumbersome, unworkable and tiresome procedure for the layman, but it cannot appeal to the public as a form of "liberalization." The Controller would have been much wiser had he confessed that it is impossible at this stage to put his well-intentioned scheme into operation, because of the difficulty — that he had not foreseen — in connection with the holders of dollar-linked securities. Liberalization at any cost is not what the public wants and not what the Government should seek, but a balanced financial policy that will make it unnecessary for us to deceive ourselves by means of technicalities.

Fanfani Faces Rebellion

Party Criticises Italian Premier's Neutralism

By NINETTA JUCKER

FANFANI

ROME (OFNS). — DESPITE its vote of confidence last week, the Government of Premier Amintore Fanfani is still in dire trouble. The prospect of gaining the goodwill of the Nenni Socialists, which seemed a reasonable assumption last summer, has vanished, while the coolness of a section of his own party, the Christian Democrats, has turned to open hostility.

Among the 272 Christian Democrat deputies who voted for the Prime Minister last week 18 did so after more or less openly expressing their dislike of the Government's programme, composition and leadership. The 18 number some of the party's most outstanding members, including two former Prime Ministers, Giuseppe Pella and Mario Scelba, and five heads of Parliamentary committees. Some 40 to 50 Christian Democrat deputies are also in disagreemnt with Fanfani, refusing to recognize him as leader while two if not three, members of his own Cabinet —Guilio Andreotti (Treasury), Guido Gonella (Justice) and Emilio Colombo (Foreign Trade) are on the verge of quitting.

Foreign Policy Attacked

Most of Fanfani's opponents in the party (but not Gonella and Colombo) would like to see the coalition Government with the Social Democrats replaced by a right-wing formation supported by the Liberals and the Monarchists and perhaps even by the neo-Fascists. One of the issues upon which they attack the Premier is his foreign policy. Fanfani is his own Foreign Minister and has made some drastic changes at the Foreign Office. These have been seized on to support allegations that he wishes to alter Italy's foreign policy in order to gain the good will of the Socialists. His opponents accuse him of being lukewarm to the Nato alliance and assert that he would prefer a neutralist policy the better to curry favour with the Arabs. Fanfani's supporters allege that his campaign is inspired by certain vested interests which hope, by creating difficulties for the Premier, to clip the wings of Enrico Mattei, president of the State oil concern, E.N.I.

There is only one point upon which the Christian Democrat opposition is completely united in its criticism of Fanfani and that is in his capacity as party secretary. Fanfani has held this post since June 1954. The previous year the Christain Democrats had lost their absolute majority and Fanfani's aim has been to build up the Christian Democrat electorate and consolidate his control of the party by giving it a centralized bureaucratic structure similar to that of the Communists.

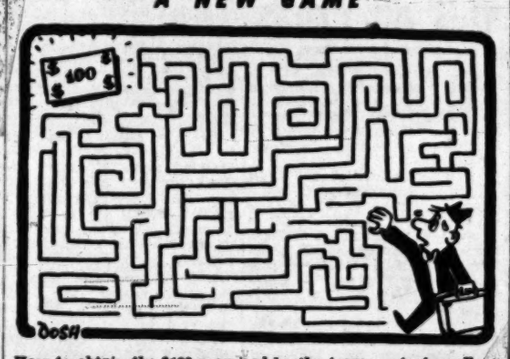
Irksome Party Discipline

He has introduced a system of party discipline which is becoming irksome to many members and to some intolerable. His control of party candidatures at the general election last May made him particularly unpopular. His critics complain that he has brought into Parliament a group of 90 young men whose only qualification is their obedience to himself. The sort of discipline he is trying to enforce is probably unsuited to such a big and heterogeneous party which embraces all social classes and many shades of social and economic opinion. Under Fanfani's direction the Christian Democrats have sought to draw off votes from the Right at the elections while in Parliament, since he became Prime Minister, they have tended (by words more than by deeds) to attract votes from the Left.

This conflict and the authoritarian methods of Fanfani have put a severe strain on the party. In Sicily a split has already occurred. The rebel group of left-wing Christian Democrats who control the regional government have formed a Christian Social Movement which aims at becoming the nucleus of a new left-wing Catholic party. Hitherto, the existence of a second Catholic party, an idea which was mooted just after the war, was made impossible by the veto of Pius XII. The Vatican exercised enormous influence upon Italian party politics through its direct control of Catholic Action. Now Pope John XXIII has delegated this control to the Italian episcopate. How this will affect the Christian Democrat Party is not yet clear, but it is certain that the Christian Social Movement could not have emerged under the late Pope.

Fanfani's relations with his party will be thrashed out at the Christian Democrat congress in April. Until then his Government is paralysed by the action of its dissident wing. Should this faction continue its obstructionist tactics of voting against the Government on every controversial issue when the voting is secret, some observers think that President Gronchi may intervene by inviting Fanfani to reshape his Government so as to obtain a functional majority.

A NEW GAME



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St. Moritz, one of Switzerland's leading tourist sites, attracts thousands of Israelis annually.

Swiss Courtesy, Cleanliness Impresses Israel Journalists

By PAUL KOHN

VISITING Switzerland was an enlightening experience for the Israel journalists who participated in the exchange scheme with Swiss newspapermen last month to mark the introduction of the Britannia 310 turbo-prop airliners on the Lydda-Zurich route.

Leaving Lydda in their shirt-sleeves on a sharav day, they touched town at Zurich, where the temperature was five degrees, in a world of fur and Montgomery coats, mufflers, gloves and scarves. In the grey and mauve city, the aroma of roasted chestnuts was wafted into the air at street corners. The promenades were brown and red with autumn chestnut leaves. An elderly lady fed the majestic swans along the Zurichsee riverbank; in the glittering Bahnhoffstrasse shopping centre fashionable ladies tripped along at the end of leashes pulled by their poodles, groomed like mannequins, and girls practised hula-hooping in churchyards.

Well-being and leisure, along with the country's classical courtesy and cleanliness, are apparent everywhere in Switzerland. The only people who appear in a hurry are the drivers, and traffic seems to move much faster and smoother than in Tel Aviv. Only the trams roll along at an unhurried pace. The Swiss call their traffic a "Russian salad." Yet, unlike Tel Aviv, the pedestrians are wonderfully road-disciplined and the drivers most courteous. We saw one stop his car at a crossing, get out and wheel a lady's pram across the street while she carried another child in her arms... and there was no impatient hooting among the many cars behind.

The Swiss man in the street admires Israel for being a Western democracy. As the little chap who will not be bullied by the Egyptian dictator, Israel reminds the Swiss of themselves before world War Two. Then Hitler wrote threatening them with an *Anschluss*, to which they replied curtly that they would defend themselves.

Admiration for B.G.

Mr. Ben-Gurion, Golda Meir and Moshe Dayan seem to be the best known Israelis in Switzerland and the subject of considerable interest. The Deputy Director of the Swiss National Tourist Office, Mr. Florian Niederer, who was also on the Swiss Army General Staff, described B.G. as "quite a fellow." "And does he still stand on his head?" he asked, fascinated. The Swiss who have compulsory military service and Reserve duty, were very interested in our Army, its mobilization methods, and girls' military service. "Does it not take away their femininity?" they all asked. The Swiss recruits have it easier than Israelis, serving only 17 weeks during which they undergo stiff basic training before returning to civilian life. Later, however, they are on call at all times for the Reserves and train regularly.

The Israel journalists, guests of the Swiss National Tourist Office and El Al, toured Zurich, St. Moritz, Lugano, Perne and Basle during their five day stay. They were also entertained at a cocktail party of the Swiss-Israel Friendship Association that expressed intimate interest of Zurich's prosperous Jewish community in Israel. Indeed, many of the gentlemen present looked as if they had just stepped out of a portrait of an early Zionist congress in Basle. Not unexpectedly they recalled these Congresses and the close association of Herzl, Weizmann and the Zionist movement with Switzerland. Today, Switzerland's 20,000 Jews claim that per capita they have invested or donated to Israel more than any other Diaspora Jewry except South Africa's.

This is the second of a series of articles. The first appeared yesterday.

Newspapers No Longer Fight To Defend Liberty

By SRAYA SHAPIRO

STRASBOURG. — FRANCE is passing through the passionate state of rejuvenation. The problem, everybody says, is to find new men to fill new posts. The problem, everybody adds, is also to find a system which would free France from dependence on Great Frenchmen — which means, dependence on a virtual dictatorship bestowed willingly and ungrudingly on General de Gaulle. Nobody likes dictatorship in France.

What this formula might be, no one seems able to say. Indeed, everyone expects General de Gaulle to find this salutary formula for France. Meanwhile, the results of the recent elections are still being hotly discussed. They meant, one is told, that the mass of good Frenchmen got weary with the merry-go-round of professional politicians in Paris. The masses want work and bread and wine, and a bit of order. The heavy Communist vote of old, it seems, was also a manifestation of the will of the common man to have order in his house, the Communist programme being clear-cut with no nonsense about shades of opinion and other disorderly elements. When the common people sensed de Gaulle was talking business, they voted for him.

Press to Blame

Some observers, formed in the old tradition of the importance of the nuance, think it was all the fault of the press. The newspapers France has today are all regional. The Paris press once widely read all over the country, is as provincial as the Toulouse or Nancy product. It is a presse d'information, as they describe it. The *presse d'opinion*, the newspaper fighting for an ideal, or at least for a party, is dead. "L'Humanité," the Communist paper, is said to be losing money steadily, and smaller Communist papers are closing down one after the other.

Mr. Onorio Voigt, the Argentine Ambassador to Belgrade, who happened to be in Strasbourg last week, told a group of newspapermen studying the problems of the press at the local University that he regretted modern newspapers were no longer defending a cause. He did not refer to the French press, but his conclusions could apply to none other. Ambassador Voigt had been a newspaperman for many years, representing Havas, the French news agency, in his country. Liberty, Mr. Voigt said, must be defended. By escaping the difficult task of defending liberty, the Press was helping to destroy it.

Leaders Not Read

The routine answer to Mr. Voigt's charge is that the public does not read the leading articles anyhow; and that modern journalism is too good to spoil its news columns with comment. Which is, one must admit, a spurious argument. The leaders are read by a minority which is influential enough to relay its views to the indifferent majority. When a question is debated publicly, an echo of the debate must reach even the ear that is politically deaf. But it is true that the biggest newspapers try to avoid printing anything controversial in their columns.

"You see," the very intelligent editor of one big provincial daily said, "I have a monopoly over the reader. If I put across some ideas which he does not like, the reader would have no choice but to go on reading the paper he loathes because there is no other newspaper in the region to read. It would be unfair of me to fail my sense of responsibility by imposing my private views on him."

There is also another consideration. The French reader, it is argued, is much too bright and too critically minded to be influenced by a newspaper article. A newspaper campaign would achieve the exact opposite of what it set out to do. One big newspaper campaigned for a candidate who was mildly opposed to de Gaulle — an "independent" candidate. The campaign failed shamefully. The fact is that the reader in France today can live very well without a newspaper altogether — the radio and television supply all the general information he needs. The "Dépêche de Toulouse," which advocated a "No" vote in the recent referendum, is said to have lost 30m. francs in indignant readers. To a paper that is well managed from a business point of view, that is anathema.

Only Local News

So the press in France today — as in Great Britain, to a degree (but then in Great Britain the papers are not afraid to state their political adherence) — tries to satisfy the readers by telling them only what is happening under their noses. In Switzerland, where nothing generally happens, one can read that a bicycle rider nearly knocked down an old woman in the street early in the evening, but that nobody was hurt after all.

It should perhaps be the duty of a newspaper to tell its readers that the dreamling parish that is Europe today is not as safe as it seems to be. But no good commercial newspaper is likely to sound the alarm. Being information sheets only, they would only report warnings issued by responsible national leaders.

And the leaders, knowing their parishes, would try not to disturb their well regulated life by discussing problems with which the common man is not conversant. After all, the common man seems to argue, was not the Parliament elected to deal with all those complicated matters? Let them work. But quietly, please, and leave us in peace.

Readers' Letters

TEACHERS' VIEW

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In her report on "Teachers Boycotting Education Ministry" (your issue of December 12), Mrs. Loewenberg ventures some shrewd guesses as to the steps the Secondary School Teachers Association is going to take in protest against its non-recognition by the Ministry of Education. Since, following that report, the Association has been approached for information on its actual decisions, I should be grateful for your publishing this letter.

The temporary executive of the Association has so far implemented the non-cooperation decision only as regards seminars and conferences called by the Ministry. Further steps, such as those mentioned by your correspondent, will be decided upon by the new executive to be elected this week. Their decision will be taken in the light of the Ministry's reaction to the overwhelming support given by the country's secondary school teachers to the policy of the new Association at the recent Founding Convention.

I do find myself in full agreement with your correspondent's view that "all parties to the dispute (will have to) sit down to a round table and thrash out the problems," and it is to be hoped that the Ministry, on its part, will no longer try to deny the secondary school teachers their right to freely elected representation. Further pursuance of the attitude taken by the Ministry so far, dictated by reasons alien to the cause of education itself, can only be detrimental to the work of our secondary schools.

Yours, etc.

DR. S.B. ROBINSOHN
for Association of Secondary School Teachers

Haifa, December 14.

IMMIGRATION AND ELECTION

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — All our political parties will undoubtedly inscribe "Absorption of New Immigrants" on their platforms for the coming elections. Would it not be a good idea if they decided to honour this pledge, in a small way, even before the polling?

I should like to suggest that the Knesset rule that each party should allot a fixed percentage of its electioneering budget towards the Immigration Loan.

If, for instance, all amounts earmarked for loudspeaker propaganda could be channelled to such a constructive purpose, thus doing away with a nerve-wracking habit of previous election periods which is in any case unlikely to influence anybody except a few half-wits, this would earn them the gratitude of all citizens without prejudicing the election chances of the parties concerned.

Yours etc.

T. P.
(Name and Address Supplied)

Ramat Gan, December 11.

KEEPING POSTED

WHAT is known in Israel, for obvious reasons, as the "hula-hoop" is now in full swing, if we may use so obvious a term. Half the children still pretend they think the hoop is the old-fashioned kind that is meant to be bowled along a gravel path in a park by well-conducted little girls, or try to devise some throwing game with it; the bitter truth being that they have not

yet acquired the art of keeping the thing circling around their waist by making the necessary ungraceful movements with their stomach. But some of them have. We came on a small crowd of children in Tel Aviv and discovered there was a competition in progress. On one side there was a fat, plain girl of about eight, one cheek distended by a wad of chewing gum, two horrid stiff little plaits sticking off her head, keeping her hoop by barely perceptible movements. She had mastered the new art to perfection, and could make the thing rise or fall at will. Her opponent was a saturnine-looking boy of at least twelve, who could make the ring stay up, but only with a good deal of effort. "She once did 2,000," murmured one of the audience. "She can even eat her lunch off a plate doing it, if her mother lets her." The brat smiled the smug smile of the infant prodigy, and the boy scowled in terror whenever a thoughtless adult tried to get by and threatened the security of this strange new tribal dance. We didn't stay to the end because it was obvious who was going to win.

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NOTHING ever changes? When the University celebrated the 75th birthday of Professor Hugo Bergmann, its one-time chief librarian, a few days ago, there were some pleasant reminders that at least our difficulties are bigger and better now than they used to be. It seems that when Prof. Bergmann first headed the library before it moved to Mount Scopus, there was no money for books, and in fact not really any budget at all. The only cash there was came from borrowers' deposits, and it was used on the principle that they would always end up by failing to return their book and so forfeit the deposit. At the time of which he spoke there used to be about LP30 in the kitty, which of course in those days would have paid a professor's salary for six weeks or so. Solel Boneh also had no money at that time, and invariably found themselves in difficulties by the end of the month over paying their bills. They then used to come to the library and extract a modest loan from Prof. Bergmann, and return it punctually when they were paid for their work.

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A FRIEND reports that he was present not long ago when two scholarly-looking gentlemen entered a cafe and sat down together. Not only their accent, but their clothing and most of all their manner of stirring their coffee bespoke their origin in Germany, though no doubt they had both lived here for a quarter of a century. Something reminded them of the Kafr Kassem affair, and, true to form, they subjected trial and verdict to erudite sociological, philosophical and legal analysis. In the midst of this debate a third gentleman, equally scholarly, but with a youthful smile, and a very similar accent, came up and was invited by one of the two to join in their dispute. The third gentleman launched into a lecture on the verdict and the judges in the case.

"I have," said he, "noted the not unsurprising sociological fact that every elderly Yekke in the country tends to be pro-Arab in his sympathies, and agrees with the verdict of the court, whereas numerous other persons, especially younger ones, take a quite different stand. The researches which I have conducted on the subject, have shown that the attitude of the former is based upon identification with the Arab minority; they have as yet, in the back of their minds, a vision of a persecuted minority in Hitlerite Germany, without benefit of legal protection. Under the circumstances, I, too, think that no other verdict was possible, but many of the subjects interviewed by me held quite different opinions; an elderly gentleman of Polish origin came up to me filled with indignation and gave vent to the following excited remonstrance: 'What have they done, putting those poor boys on trial for being brave and obedient soldiers; how, in the name of all the Rabbis, could they know whether or not an order from above is legal; besides, we all know what soldiers are like; why, I remember back in the old days the Cossacks used to kill everybody from time to time, even without orders, just to keep their hand in. Justice? A travesty of justice, that's what I call it.'

"My next subject," continued the voluble Herr Doktor, "was a young (Sabra) soldier, whose opinion was both shorter and more violent. In answer to my query he became choleric and made the following statement: 'Law! What law? That Goddam judge ought to be shot!'"

The latecomer appeared to be very interested in all this, but excused himself by saying that he really must hurry to court. When he had gone, the first Herr Doktor said to the second Herr Doktor, "Do you know who this was? That was Judge Dr. Benjamin Halevi."

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TEL AVIV ART NOTES

Interesting Exhibitions of Oils

Shulamith Tal

SHULAMITH Tal has hitherto been known as a gifted watercolourist who expressed her love of nature in fresh, limpid colour and with a keen eye for decorative effects. Her present exhibition at Beit Hatarbut, Ramat Gan, presents her as a painter in oils although a few early watercolours are included.

This is a very pleasant exhibition which not only shows how much Shulamith Tal has developed in her use of the heavier medium, but is also imbued with a personal, individual approach. The artist has her own particular way of looking at a scene or object and although she never loses sight of natural appearances, it is the "pictorial translation" which is important. In nearly all the works, her tendency is to make an emphatic statement of the main subject on a pale background, relying much on linear effect, and usually introducing into the composition a circle radiating rays, placed high to one side.

Jaffa and Acre scenes provide the subject for some of the most successful works and there are some paintings with fish and candlesticks as part of the motif which are subtle in colour and interesting in the combination of shapes.

Joseph Manor

AT the Chemerinsky Gallery there is a first exhibition by Joseph Manor (Mandlawi) who came to Israel from Iraq eight years ago and who is a Government official, spending most of his spare time painting. The works are semi-abstract reminiscent of Oriental carpets with their closely-woven, all-over design. The painter is obsessed by cities, the crowded buildings with the human being almost as part of the masonry. It is as if he felt the buildings swamping him and as if he himself were one of the small figures he depicts, trying to crawl out of the walls.

The execution is rather naive and what the artist wants to say is as yet far beyond his powers of expression, but on the whole the works are not uninteresting and some of them show sensitive feeling for colour. *S.W.*

NATURE NOTES

The Fearless Jungle Cat

IT is really a lynx *(Catolynx Chaus — Hatul habeitzot)*, though the characteristic pointed eartufts are smaller than with the European lynx. I am minded to write of it because the young people came back from a hunting expedition to the north with stories of a huge cat which did not run away before the headlights and the noise of the truck they used except at the very last moment. They met no less than six in the course of the night, usually stretched out in a majestic pose, "like the sphinx," and head well thrown back, which made it look quite beautiful and awe-inspiring.

The lynx is three feet long, very much larger than the Lybian wildcat *(Felis lybica ocreata — Hatul bar matzu)*, and its long legs make it appear even more imposing. Its face is very dark, and the stripes are distinct only on the haunches, the body being almost uniform grey-brown.

I have never seen the lynx in the wild myself, I am sorry to say, but two years ago the tiny zoo in Beith Beri had a mother with three blue-eyed babies, which were the most delightful young animals I have ever had the luck to see, fat and cuddlesome, and with beautiful manners.

The Jungle cat loves fish and I shall not be surprised if it appears in the Coastal Plain soon enough, following its neighbours, the Purple herons and others, which are peopling the scrub near the fish-ponds.

Apart from these two cats, Israel has only one more of the order, the Leopard *(Panthera pardus — Namer)*, which is rare enough to make the headlines when discovered. As far as I know, the last one was shot in Galilee little more than a year ago.

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